

# Acts

The story of the church

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## A Heart for the Church

Colossians 1:24 - 2:5

**1) A heart for the church sacrifices personally  
to build up the body of Christ.**

Colossians 1:24 ... *"Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church,"*

**2) A heart for the church labors to build up the  
body, by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, in the  
power of God.**

Colossians 1:29 ... *"For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me."*

Galatians 6:9-10 ... *"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith."*

### 3) A heart for the church loves the church faithfully.

Colossians 2:2 ... *"that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ,"*

Ephesians 5:25 ... *"Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her,"*

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## Discussion Questions:

- 1) In what ways have a sacrificed to build up the church in the past couple months?
- 2) What does it look like to "toil, struggling with all His energy" in order to build up the church?
- 3) What are two areas of my life that I can cultivate a greater heart for the church?

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