

## THE WHOLE CROSSINGS CONGREGATION CAN BE UNITED AS ONE IF...

# 1. I WILL DEVOTE MYSELF TO JESUS AS THE RESURRECTED \_\_\_\_\_AND \_\_\_\_. He showed His apostles that He was alive—appearing to them repeatedly over a period of 40 days, giving them many convincing proofs of His resurrection. As before, He spoke constantly of the kingdom of God. During these appearances, He had instructed His chosen messengers through the Holy Spirit, <sup>4</sup> prohibiting them from leaving Jerusalem, but rather requiring them to wait there until they received what He called "the promise of the Father." <sup>7</sup> The Father, on His own authority, has determined the ages and epochs of history, but you have not been given this knowledge. Acts 1:3, 4, 7 VOICE

They did more than we expected. First, they gave themselves to the Lord.

2 Corinthians 8:5a NIRV

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. I Call the Shots. We Call the Shots. Jesus Calls the Shots.

# 2. I WILL DEVOTE MYSELF TO THE GAVE ME.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup> After saying this, he was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see him. <sup>10</sup> As they strained to see him rising into heaven, two whiterobed men suddenly stood among them. <sup>11</sup> "Men of Galilee," they said, "why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!" <sup>12</sup> Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, a distance of half a mile. Acts 1:8-12 NLT

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. I like His dream.

3. I WILL DEVOTE MYSELF TO THE GOD FOR ME.

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) <sup>16</sup> and said, 'Brothers and sisters, <sup>[d]</sup> the Scripture had

to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus. <sup>17</sup> He was one of our number and shared in our ministry. '<sup>18</sup> (With the payment he received for his wickedness, Judas bought a field; there he fell headlong, his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out. <sup>19</sup> Everyone in Jerusalem heard about this, so they called that field the, Field of Blood.

<sup>20</sup> 'For,' said Peter, 'it is written in the Book of Psalms: "May his place be deserted; let there be no one to dwell in it," and, "May another take his place of leadership." Acts 1:15-20 NIV

They did more than we expected. First, they gave themselves to the Lord. Then they gave themselves to us because that was what God wanted. **2 Corinthians 8:5** NIRV

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. I will follow no one! I follow those I like. I follow the Godly.

### 4. I WILL DEVOTE MYSELF TO THE DELIVERED ME.

Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away—all who have been called by the Lord our God." <sup>40</sup> Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation!" <sup>41</sup> Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day— 3,000 in all... <sup>42</sup> <u>All the believers</u> devoted themselves to the apostles' TEACHING... Acts 2:38-42 NLT

... although I was making every effort to write to you concerning our common salvation, I considered it a necessity to write to you to encourage you to contend for the faith delivered once and for all to the saints. **Jude 1:3** LEB

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. I don't follow any teaching. I follow my heart. I follow the *delivered* word.

# 5. I WILL DEVOTE MYSELF \_\_\_\_\_ OF HIS CHURCH.

All the believers devoted themselves to the ...FELLOWSHIP... Acts 2:42a NIV

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. What's mine is mine. It's mine until I say it's not. What's mine is theirs.

# 6. I WILL DEVOTE MYSELF TO

All the believers devoted themselves to ... to PRAYER. Acts 2:42B NIV

Pray continually... 1 Thessalonians 5:17 NCV

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. I rarely pray. I "continually" pray.

| Additional Notes: | Reflecting on todays message         |
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|                   | What is God asking me to do?         |
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|                   | What should I change this week?      |
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|                   | Who else needs to hear this message? |
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