

Student's Name: _____

Sermon Notes for February 8th, 2026

“The One Thing”

“Being of One Heart & One Soul”

Sermon text: **Acts 4:32-37**; Old Testament Text: **Psalm 66:1-9**; Gospel Text: **John 15:9-12**.

Read **Acts 4:32-37 (below)** as you listen to the sermon, then answer the questions below.

Acts 4:32-37: Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³ And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴ There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵ and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. ³⁶ Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, ³⁷ sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

1. Read **Acts 4:32**. According to this verse, how many believers were of *one heart and one soul*?
2. What do you think would compel these believers to share freely everything they had with other believers?
3. Read **Acts 4:33**. What do you think was the source of the *great power with which the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus*?
4. Considering how these people were living, why would it make sense that *great grace was upon them all*?
5. Read **Acts 4:34-35**. Now, read **1 John 3:17-18 (p. 1303)**. How does this passage from **1 John 3** help you to understand what was going on in the lives of these believers?
6. Read **Acts 4:36-37**. What was it about this Joseph that caused people to give him the new name *Barnabas (son of encouragement)*?

7. What do you think it would take for the people of Trinity to develop a heart and soul like Barnabas?

8. Do you think this is an attainable goal here? Why or why not?

9. What will you remember most from this message?