

# HOW REVIVAL ACTS

Acts 1:9-15

*“In the Beginning, the Church Acts”*



**FIRED UP**



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# I. THE ORGANIZATION

A. The Pastor, 1:4a

B. The Preparation, 1:4b

C. The Power, 1:5

D. The Predicament, 1:6-7

E. The Performance, 1:8

The very first church had several principles that we must have in order to experience “HOW REVIVAL ACTS.”

- The first church knew that Jesus was the Head of the church.
- The first church obeyed the Lord Jesus Christ’s command.
- The first church was empowered by the Holy Ghost.



## II. THE OPERATION

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### A. Watching the Ascension of the Savior, 1:9-11

#### 1. The Parting, 1:9

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Mark 16:19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, **he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.**

- The Resurrection was done in obscurity, but the Ascension was done openly.
- The Ascension was miraculous in defying gravity, and in manifesting glory,
- Being seated at the Father's right hand, Christ is ascended to be our Advocate.

1 Jn. 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, **we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:**



Rom. 8:34 Who *is* he that condemneth? *It is* Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, **who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.**

Col. 3:1 If ye then be risen with Christ, **seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.** (Heb. 10:12)

Heb. 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is **set down at the right hand of the throne of God.**

1 Pet. 3:22 **Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God;** angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.



- From mistreatment to majesty, Christ is receiving the glory and honor in Heaven.

## 2. The Prospect, 1:10-11

Acts 1:10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

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- The Apostle's awe was interrupted.
- The Apostles were questioned about their "gazing."
- The Apostles were given hope for the prospect of His return!

## B. Waiting for Empowering of the Spirit, 1:12-26

### 1. The faithful exercise of the Apostles, 1:12-15

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a. Their assembly, 1:12-13

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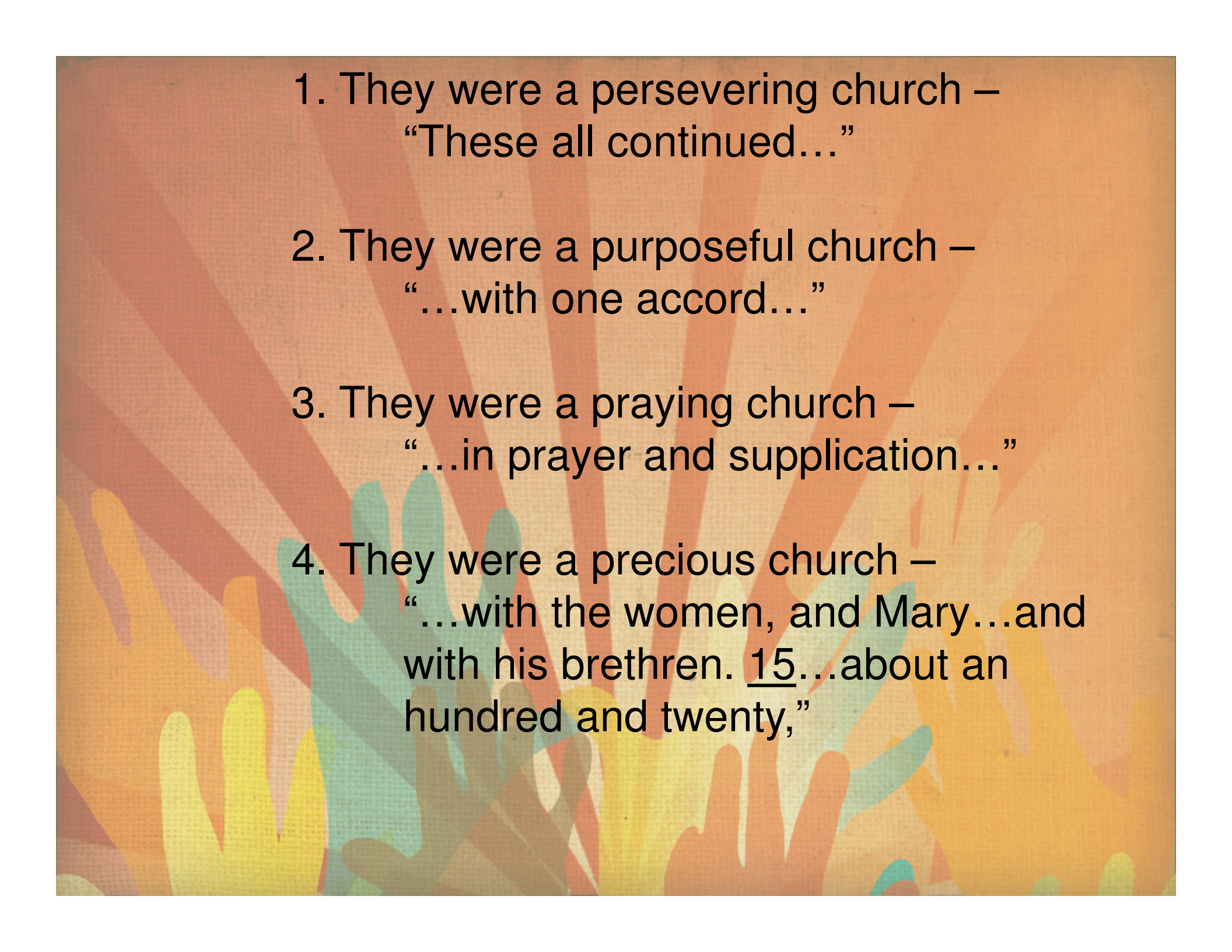
- The Apostles returned to the location of the first church.
- The Jewish connection is noted – a sabbath's day's journey – about 2,000 yards.
- All eleven apostles were assembled in one place.

b. Their assurance, 1:14-15

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- The background features a stylized illustration of hands in various colors (orange, yellow, green, blue) reaching upwards in a gesture of prayer or supplication. The hands are set against a warm, orange-toned background with radiating lines, suggesting a sunrise or a divine light. The overall style is soft and artistic.
1. They were a persevering church –  
“These all continued...”
  2. They were a purposeful church –  
“...with one accord...”
  3. They were a praying church –  
“...in prayer and supplication...”
  4. They were a precious church –  
“...with the women, and Mary...and  
with his brethren. 15...about an  
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- The unity is depicted via prayer and supplication.

Phil. 4:4 **Rejoice in the Lord alway:** *and* again I say, Rejoice.

5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. **The Lord is at hand.**

6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

- The peace of such unity is given as assurance to the first church.
- The roll was taken and 120 disciples were at the church service.
- The Apostles and disciples practiced faithful church attendance.

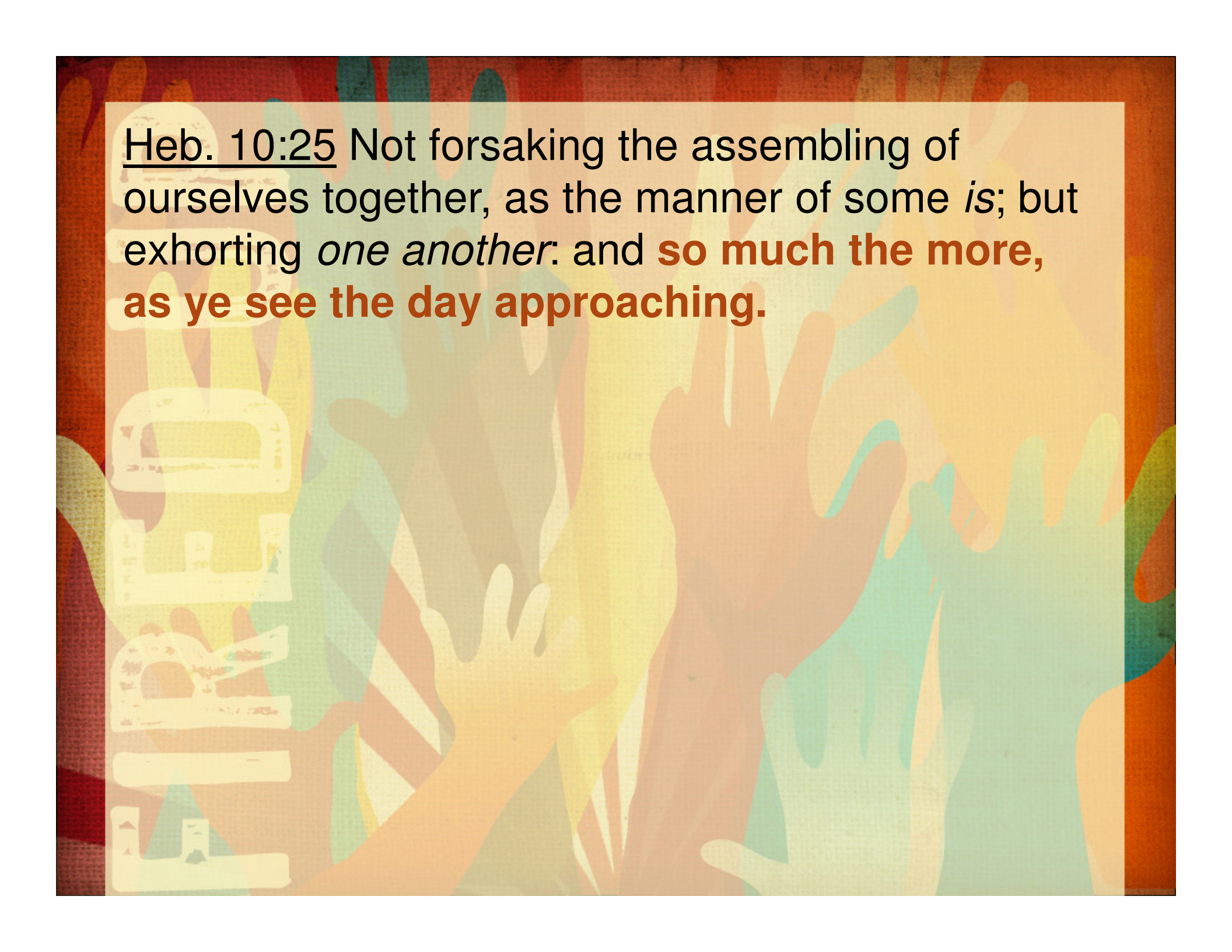


## Conclusion

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Heb. 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*: and **so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.**