

## INCREASE THE COMMUNION OF GOODS AMONG ALL

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WORD OF LIFE

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they had everything in common." (Acts 4:32)

### In depth...

The biggest obstacle to unity is individualism – our being attached to our own ideas, our own point of view or our own personal tastes.

This kind of self-centeredness builds walls that we hide behind, excluding anyone who is different from us.

### What do you think?

### How can we live this Word of Life?

It underlines the need for the communion of goods and unity that Jesus asked for. He even gave us His spirit, the Holy Spirit, to help us do it.

Read chapter 2 in the Acts of the Apostles about the life of the early Christian communities.



Belgium

For example, the contradiction between wanting to be united to Jesus but at the same time allowing divisions among us, with each one going their own direction, passing judgments on one another and even excluding some people. **What's needed, therefore, is a renewed conversion to live for God, who wants us all to be united.**

Besides, this Word of Life will help us to understand that being a Christian means that we have to share our material goods and not just use them for ourselves. It will lead us to bring about authentic solidarity with all those in need and help them as much as we possibly can.



Portugal

And so let's try to listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit, to grow in this communion on all levels. Most especially let's overcome the divisions that we find within ourselves.

This is what happened to: Elisabeth from the Cameroon



OUR EXPERIENCES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

A little while ago my four sisters and I were left by ourselves at home because my mom had to go to another city.

Before she left, she prepared the food for us and told us not to waste it because it had to last until she got back. The first day a lady knocked on our door. A couple of my sisters wanted to send her away, but I invited her in to share our dinner with us.

But then the day before my mom was due back, I realized that we didn't have anything left to eat.

Just in that moment there was a knock on the door. It was that same lady and I wondered what I could offer her! Instead she said that she didn't want to stay because this time she was bringing us some food.

You can't imagine how happy I was! I was even happier when my mom arrived and, when she heard what had happened, told us, "If you don't share, you are not my daughters!" My sisters said that they were sorry and had learned their lesson.

### Play & Learn

What did Jesus' disciples have in common? What did they share?

What comes to your mind after reading this experience?

What can you do this month?

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