

National Youth Sunday 2017
Generations Celebrating Faith (Psalm 145:4 & Acts 2:42-47)
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(adapted from NRSV translation and MSG paraphrase of Acts 2:42-47 and Psalm 145:4)

ONE: Peter Spoke,
TWO: And they listened.
THREE: They actually listened to him.
ONE: That day,
TWO: That very same day,
THREE: about three thousand took him at his word.
ONE: They were baptized,
TWO: They signed up.
THREE: They committed themselves,
ONE: *devoted* themselves,
TWO: to the teaching of the apostles,
THREE: life together,
ONE: Fellowship,
TWO: the common meal,
THREE & TWO: breaking of bread,
THREE, TWO, & ONE: and the prayers.

(FOUR, FIVE, and SIX stand apart from the other three)

FOUR: Generation after generation
FIVE: stands in awe of your work
SIX: each one tells stories
FOUR, FIVE & SIX: of your mighty acts.

ONE: It was awe-some.
TWO: Everyone around was in awe
THREE: awe came upon everyone.
ONE: wonders
TWO: and signs
THREE: done *through* the apostles!
ONE: The believers lived in a wonderful harmony,
TWO: holding everything in common.
THREE: They sold everything,
ONE: whatever they owned,

TWO: *everything*

THREE: and pooled their resources

ONE: so that each person's need was met.

FOUR: Generation after generation

FIVE: stands in awe of your work

SIX: each one tells stories

FOUR, FIVE & SIX: of your mighty acts.

TWO: Day by day,

THREE: as they spent much time together,

ONE: They followed a daily discipline,

TWO: worship in the Temple

THREE: meals at home,

ONE: and every meal was a celebration,

TWO: filled with glad and generous hearts!

THREE: They were exuberant,

THREE & ONE: and joyful,

THREE, ONE, & TWO: as they praised God!

ONE: People liked what they saw.

TWO: day by day,

THREE: their number grew,

ONE: the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

FOUR & ONE: Generation after generation

FIVE & TWO: stands in awe of your work

SIX & THREE: each one tells stories

ALL READERS: of your mighty acts.