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Acts 2:38-47

Purity in the human heart can be an elusive virtue. Like humility, once it is recognized, the very moment we try to force or focus on it, it vanishes. This is because purity is not a goal, in and of itself, it is the result of an encounter with a higher, transcending love that woos us away from the corruption of baser goals.

In the days following Pentecost the early disciples demonstrated this purity. Their lives were reordered by the love of Christ poured out through the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit. They had an insatiable hunger to learn more about their new-found faith. They could not let a day pass without the fellowship of other believers. Nothing they owned, that could be used to ease the need of another, was withheld. Praise was their shared language and integrity their shared reputation. This pervasive love so enamored them that anything less was simply unacceptable.

Purity is the inevitable result of an all-consuming divine love.

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