

**"I WILL BUILD
MY CHURCH"**

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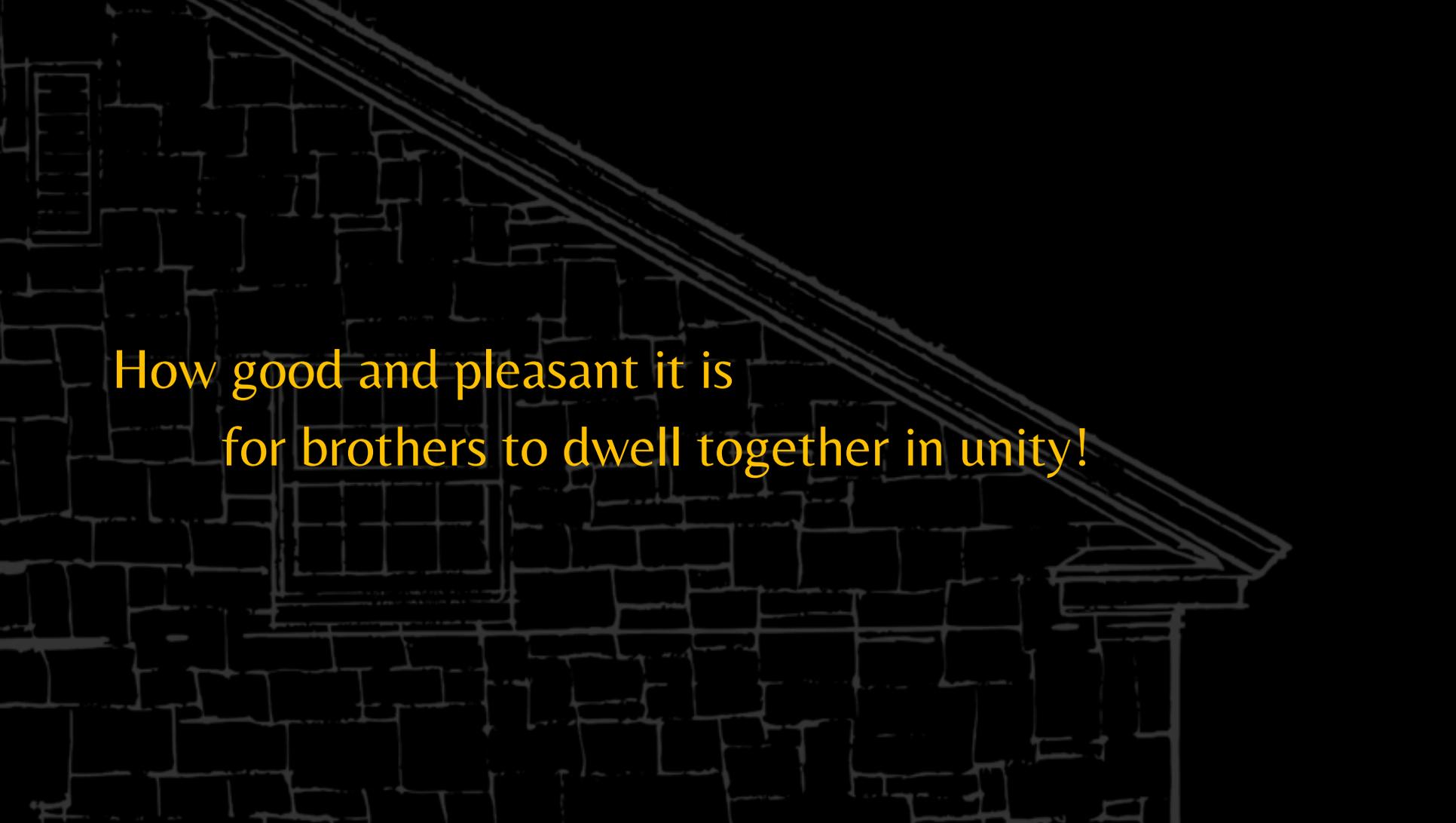
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PLAN TITLE

***Called to Give Account:
The Integrity of our Witness***

PROJECT SITE

FRANCONIA MENNONITE CHURCH

A stylized, dark blue line drawing of a stone wall with a window and a roofline against a black background. The drawing uses simple lines to create a textured, blocky appearance for the wall and a simple rectangular frame for the window. The roofline is a simple diagonal line with a small overhang on the right side.

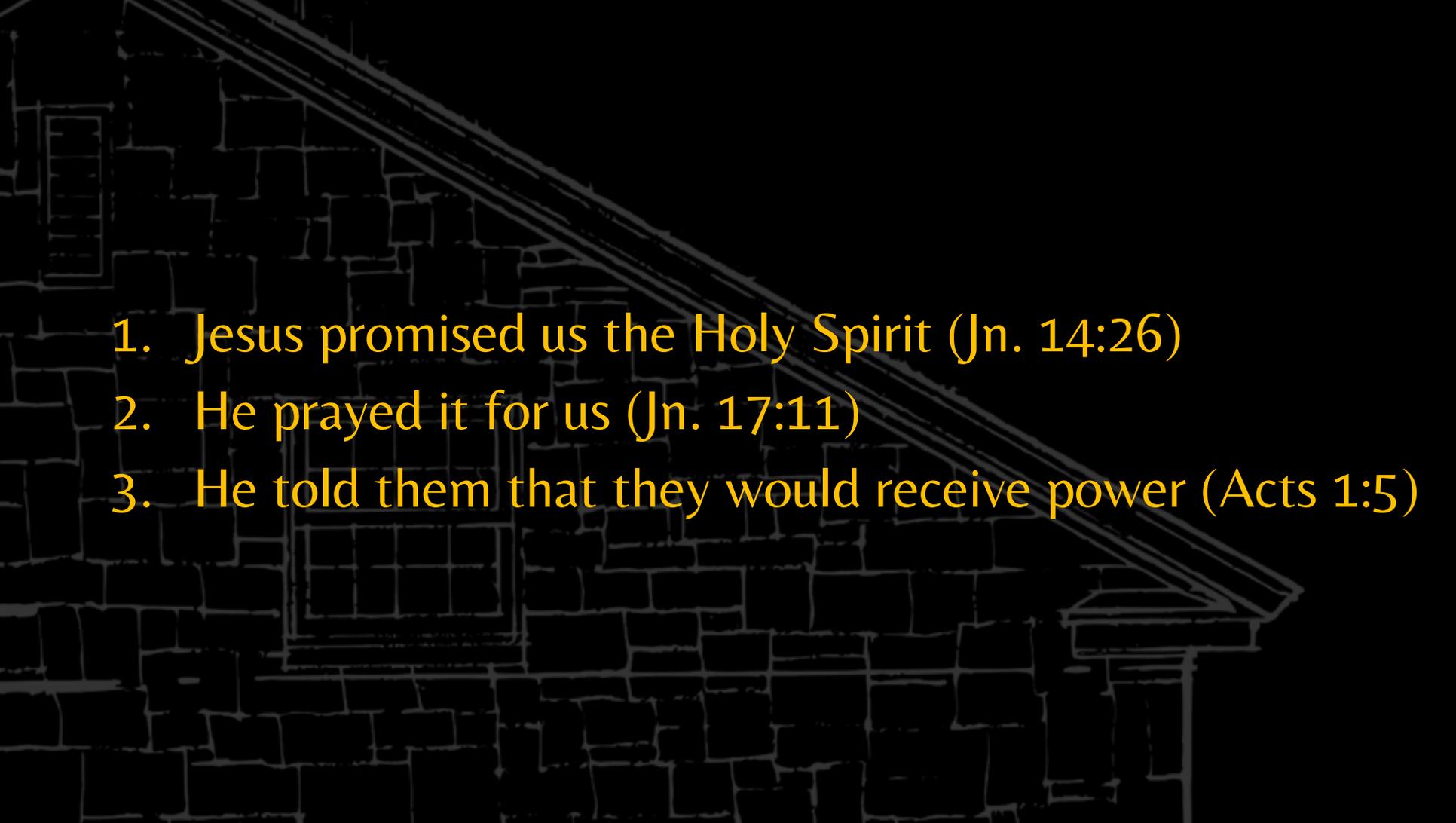
How good and pleasant it is
for brothers to dwell together in unity!

Acts 2:42-47

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.

⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

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1. Jesus promised us the Holy Spirit (Jn. 14:26)
 2. He prayed it for us (Jn. 17:11)
 3. He told them that they would receive power (Acts 1:5)

Acts 4:32-36

³² All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had.

³³ With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all ³⁴ that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales ³⁵ and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

Acts 4:32-36

³⁶ Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means “son of encouragement”), ³⁷ sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles’ feet.

Acts 4:32-36

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Ananias and Sapphira

Acts 5:1

¹ Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property.

Ananias and Sapphira

Acts 5:2

² With his wife's full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles' feet.

Ananias and Sapphira

Acts 5:3-4

³ Then Peter said, “Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? ⁴ Didn’t it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn’t the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied just to human beings but to God.”

Matthew 16:24-25

²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples,

“Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

²⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶ What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?

Ananias and Sapphira

Acts 5:5-6

⁵ When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened.
⁶ Then some young men came forward, wrapped up his body, and carried him out and buried him.

Ananias and Sapphira

Acts 5:7-10

⁷ About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. ⁸ Peter asked her, “Tell me, is this the price you and Ananias got for the land?”

“Yes,” she said, “that is the price.”

⁹ Peter said to her, “How could you conspire to test the Spirit of the Lord? Listen! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also.”

Ananias and Sapphira

Acts 5:7-10

¹⁰ At that moment she fell down at his feet and died. Then the young men came in and, finding her dead, carried her out and buried her beside her husband.

¹¹ Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events.

Matthew 6:24

“No one can serve two masters.

Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

Ananias and Sapphira

Acts 5:11

¹¹ Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events.

