



# “All Things in Common”

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Introduction: The young leaders of our congregation are considering the theme “Here Am I, Send Me,” and studying the book of Acts, for Lads to Leaders. We are extremely proud of these young people! They have dedicated so much time into studying the Bible and leading our congregation. One thing they have studied is the phrase: “*they had all things in common*” (Acts 2:44-45, Acts 4:32). What does this mean? Let’s study a familiar song together...

Discussion:

## ***I. A common love for each other***

- A. We must love one another (John 13:34).
- B. We must see the power of this love (John 13:35).
- C. We must realize the influence of our love (John 13:36-38).

## ***II. A common gift to the Savior***

- A. Genuine love is a gift to God (John 15:12).
- B. Sacrificial love is a gift to God (John 15:13).
- C. Agape love is a gift to God (John 15:14-17).

## ***III. A common bond holding us to the Lord***

- A. We should bear with one another in love (Ephesians 4:2).
- B. We should allow that love to bring us unity and peace (Ephesians 4:3).
- C. We should recognize how all of this leads back to the grace of God (Ephesians 4:4-7).

## ***IV. A common strength when we’re weary***

- A. Our strength comes from sincere love (Romans 12:9).
- B. Our strength comes from brotherly love (Romans 12:10).
- C. Our strength moves us to do great things (Romans 12:11-12).

## ***V. A common hope for tomorrow***

- A. The Lord must direct our paths (I Thessalonians 3:11).
- B. The Lord will direct us into paths of love and hope (I Thessalonians 3:12-13).
- C. The Lord will use those paths to draw us closer to Him (I Thessalonians 4:1-18).

## ***VI. A common joy in the truth of God’s Word***

- A. God’s Word leads us to salvation (II Timothy 3:14-15).
- B. God’s Word equips us for good work (II Timothy 3:16-17).
- C. God’s Word moves us into service (II Timothy 4:1-8).

Conclusion: Consider the story of a 17th century couple and the actions of Oliver Cromwell, Lord Protector of England. Compare that to what Jesus did at Calvary. Something amazing happens when we gather around the cross. We share things. Do you need to come to the cross? Do you need to lay some things down the feet of our Savior?

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