

- "Marco _____" → we had a pool growing up → I was reminded of MARCO POLO last week...
 - **Lost my glasses** a week ago Thursday → in the shoe warehouse I learned how important my eyes are
 - In the Church our 'eyes' should not be our 'focus' → A different kind of 'I' → an 'I - Me - My' mentality
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Acts 4.32 → When the church is missing an 'I'... **We love people instead of possessions**

E: Shared everything: Not Communism *per se* BUT they didn't regard their belongings as holy – stuff not sacred

I: 1st & 2nd Commandment (**LUTHER**: keep those & the other 8 follow) "common" → "not holy"

A: Do you put anything above time with the Body of Christ? – TV, Sports, Yard, House, Personal Time?

* **MOVE FROM "I" TO "WE"**

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Acts 4.33 → When the church is missing an 'I'... **We share salvation instead of seeking our self-interests**

E: The Great Power if from **v.31** = H.S. // Jesus' work is our focus – Grace = "a gift expecting nothing in return"

I: **Ephesians 2:8-9** not "do or don't do" it's embracing grace together

A: When someone comes to church, do we ask ourselves "am I 'better' than them???" – U can't change anyone...

* **MOVE FROM "WE" TO "THEY"**

Don O'Neal affirmed quote: "The church is the only organization that exists for it's nonmembers"

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Acts 4.34-35 When the church is missing an 'I'... **We give instead of being greedy**

E: They gave without any thought of self. Why do I find it hard to give 10%? – Beth & I do (not legalistic Matt. 5)

I: Pharisees tithed but neglected: justice, mercy, & faithfulness / Love of God → **Matthew 23:23 / Luke 11:42**

A: If we all gave 10% we could quadruple our annual operating budget

"I can't give because I have... a house payment, car payment, this that I want... **I, I, I**" – "I's have it!"

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Acts 4.36-37

When the church is missing an 'I'... **We are known for encouragement instead of our ego**

E: He had a great pedigree and his actions were admirable BUT he was known for his encouragement

I: **Matthew 20:(20ff)25-28 / Philippians 2:1-5** → 1st Class upgrade then Bill Gates gets on the plane

A: Are you sitting in "1st Class" or are you a part of the "crew?" – where are you serving? ← (*come back*)

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BELIEVE: not about "dos or don'ts" it's who's family are you in – have you been "born again" **John 3**
Baptism is the first step of obedience – a public picture of you uniting with God's kingdom

BELONG: "I don't have to go to church, my faith is private" not what you get out of it, you're committing to us

BEGIN: **2Q:** Where do you serve? **1 Peter 4:8-10** → **BODY** Are U a member or a severed limb