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Scripture Text: Acts 2:40-47 NLT

Subject: "The Power Of A Forgiving Church"

Introduction:

- In the text we find a portrait painted by Christ not of a perfect church, but what we see is the potential of a powerful church here on earth.
- In the Acts of the Apostles where we find the first church, we see a group of believers with the possibility of greatness, but we also see a group of Christians prone to problems.
- In the Book of Acts we see a church united at times.
- In chapter one, we find the church, these believers were all of one accord.
- In chapter two, the church, these Christians were praying together in one place.
- In chapter four, the church, the believers were of one heart and soul.
- In Acts chapter six, some of these same believers in the church had fallen out with each other.

Sermon Points

Major Moment: If the people of God are to operate in the power of God there must be forgiveness given to all within and without of the church.

- **Forgiveness Brings Unity in The Church**
 - Matthew 18:15-17
 - Mark 3:25
- **Forgiveness Unlocks the Power of Prayer**
 - Mark 11:25
 - Matthew 18:19
 - Matthew 6:9-12, 14 & 15
 - Luke 18:1
- **Forgiveness Unleashes Holy Ghost Power**
 - Ephesians 4:30-32
 - Matthew 26:41
 - Galatians 5:16

Summary Verse: "Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony." **Colossians 3:13-14 NLT**