

**Modern Lesson**

**JUNE 21, 2020**

**ACT  
IN COMMUNITY**

*Our Modern Lesson today is from the essay Love as the Practice of Freedom, by social commentator, essayist and poet bell hooks.*

**Hear these words:**

Choosing love we choose to live in community, and that means that we do not have to change by ourselves. We can count on critical affirmation and dialogue with comrades walking a similar path. African American theologian Howard Thurman believed that we best learn love as the practice of freedom in the context of community. Commenting on this aspect of his work in the essay "Spirituality out on The Deep," Luther Smith reminds us that Thurman felt the United States was given to diverse groups of people by the universal life force as a location for the building of community. Paraphrasing Thurman, he writes: "Truth becomes true in community. The social order hungers for a center that gives it identity, power, and purpose. America, and all cultural entities, are in search of a soul." Working within community, whether it be sharing a project with another person, or with a larger group, we are able to experience joy in struggle.

**May God bless the reading and the hearing of these new words. Amen.**

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06/07/20	\$44,934	\$52,000	(\$7,066)
06/14/20	\$29,612	\$30,000	(\$388)
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**Scripture Lesson / Acts 2: 42-46**

*Our Scripture Lesson this morning is from the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, verses 42 through 46.*

**Hear these words:**

The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people.

**May God bless the hearing of these ancient words. Amen.**

