

A person wearing a dark t-shirt and a grey beanie stands in a field of tall, golden-brown grass. Their arms are outstretched horizontally to the sides. The background features a dense forest of green trees on a hillside, with a bright, hazy sky suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

# (I WANNA GIVE YOU) DEVOTION

---

Acts 2:42-47



A close-up, low-angle shot of a person's hands holding an open Bible. The person is sitting on a dark, textured surface, possibly a couch or floor. The lighting is dim, with a warm glow from the left side, highlighting the pages of the Bible. The text on the pages is visible but slightly blurred. In the background, another person's legs and feet in red and white sneakers are visible, suggesting a group setting. The overall mood is quiet and focused.

“They devoted  
themselves to...  
**the apostles  
teaching.**” v42

"Everyone was filled with awe  
at the many wonders and  
signs performed by the  
apostles." v43



“They devoted  
themselves to...  
**fellowship.**” v42



"All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts." v44-46a



# Functioning as a faith family

- i. We share our stuff with one another
- ii. We share our hearts with one another
- iii. We stay, embrace the pain, and grow up with one another
- iv. Family is more than “me, the wife, and the kids.”

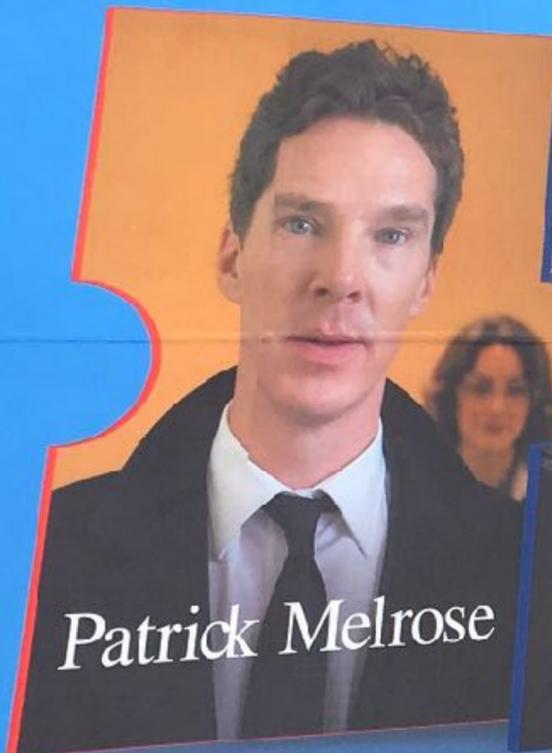
*From Joseph H. Hellerman 'When The Church Was A Family'*

**“What I and others like me are yearning for isn’t just a weekly night out or a circle of people with whom to go on vacation. We need something more. We need people who know what time our plane lands, who will worry about us when we don’t show up at the time we said we would. We need people we can call and tell about that funny thing that happened in the hallway after class. We need the assurance that, come hell or high water, a few people will stay with us, loving us in spite of our faults and caring for us when we’re down.”**

*From ‘Uncomfortable’ by Brett McCracken*

5 0140 1

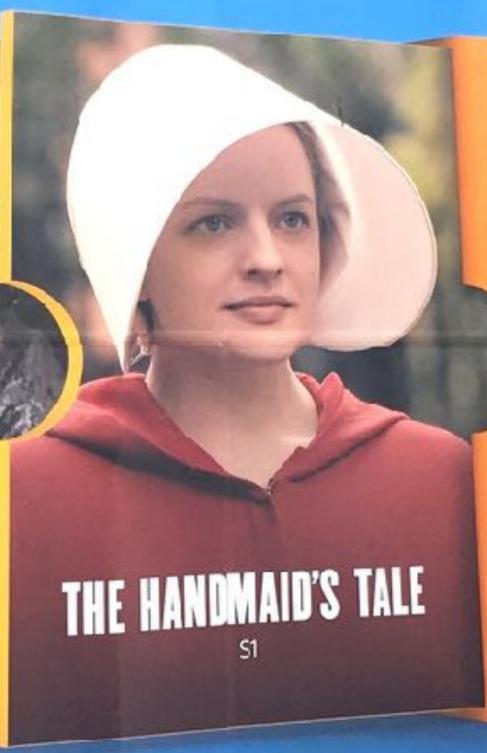
# Hello 300 Box Sets.



Patrick Melrose



GAME OF THRONES  
S1-7



THE HANDMAID'S TALE  
S1

# NOW TV

# Goodbye social life.

Sky Atlantic is a recommended service. Terms apply. Some of the content on this service is not available in all regions. All rights reserved. © 2018 MGM Television Entertainment Inc. All rights reserved. THE HANDMAID'S TALE: Goldwyn Mayer Studios Inc. All rights reserved.

in-sight

# Discuss

- In what practical ways can we “be together” and “have everything in common”?
- What sorts of things might hinder us from living in this way?

“They devoted  
themselves to...  
**the breaking of  
bread.” v42**



"They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts..."

v46b



Why should we 'break bread'?

**To remember!**

# Why does God care about us remembering?

- **Wants us to trust him**
- **Remembering leads to praise**
- **And frees us from fear**
- **Re-aligns our lives to His**



2 00

23 980  
ALT

2000

113.00  
113.00  
113.00

23	29	29
22	28	29
22	29	29

0-000  
271-19  
08-14  
-0-075

1500  
180° 2771 174.01

350  
100  
250  
50  
100

200  
100  
50

N873PC

0  
1  
2  
3

2  
3  
4



“They devoted  
themselves to...  
**prayer.” v42**

**"[They were] praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." v47**



“They **devoted**  
themselves to...”

**v42**

# Recapturing devotion

- ▶ It's all about the heart
- ▶ So examine your heart...
- ▶ ...with the Holy Spirit's help
- ▶ Believe Holy Spirit can change your heart
- ▶ Take (radical) action

