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A household of faith is where Jesus rules over all those who live in the home. Husband, wife, children dog, budgerigar, cat, mother in law, sister in law, friends, etcetera. It is a household with God's order, the headship being delegated to the husband, if there is a husband, but otherwise to the oldest rational adult.

1 Corinthians 11 verse 3

But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ.

Ephesians 5 verse 22-33

Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body. 24 But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything. 25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, 26 so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless. 28 So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself; 29 for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church, 30 because we are members of His body. 31 For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. 32 This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church. 33 Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself, and the wife must see to it that she respects her husband.

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The husband is the Prophet and Priest of his household

Acts 1 verse 7-8

He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; 8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

Jesus' disciples were empowered by the Holy Spirit, they had a vision to be witnesses. Their vision was a world- wide one. They started where they were in their hearts and in that household. They went out as they were led by the Holy Spirit; next door, across the street, round the corner, at school, at work, at church, and so forth.

There are various names that could be attached to a Household of Faith.

1. A Pastoral Centre - an extension of the natural family
2. A Growth Centre - as in the natural growing up into maturity learning how to be a responsible person in Christ
3. A family of friends - fun and relaxation
4. An outreach centre- reaching out to neighbours, meeting needs, serving the community

What They Did Individually

- a) Repented from dead works
- b) Received faith from God
- c) Were baptised in water and had received the person of the Holy Spirit
- d) Knew the forgiveness of sin
- e) Knew who they were in Jesus

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What They Did Together

They presented themselves to God and worshipped Him.

Romans 12 verse 1-5

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. 3 For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith. 4 For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, 5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

John 4 verse 21-24

Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, an hour is coming when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. 22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

What They Did Together in the Households of Faith

Acts 2 verse 41-47

So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls. 42 They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles.

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44 And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; 45 and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need. 46 Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

They devoted themselves to the Apostles doctrine, Acts 2 verse 41-47. They devoted themselves to fellowship, they devoted themselves to breaking bread, they devoted themselves to prayer.

What God Did

Acts 2 verse 43

Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles.

He came to be with them, He performed signs and wonders and changed peoples lives. He caused them to share their things, caused them to be glad and sincere and caused them to find favour with Him.