

It Takes Courage to Live Out Your Transformation

Acts 8

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Verse Section

And Saul approved of his execution. And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. Devout men buried Stephen and made great lamentation over him. But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison. Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word. Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ. - Acts 8:1-5

THREE LESSONS WE LEARN FROM PHILIP'S LIFE

1. Faith in the Gospel prepares us for hardship, it doesn't prevent it

Q. What comes out of you when hardship hits?

2. Every hardship we face is an opportunity, not an obstacle

Scattered – Spread to be planted, not dissolved

Q. Are you growing where you've been planted?

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Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.
- Acts 8:26-31

3. When God leads you into the desert, it's for a purpose

Q. Are you ready to "rise and go"?

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"The Holy Spirit is not an "it." The Holy Spirit is a Person. He is God. When we get that clearly in mind, then we can see that the object of our relationship to the Holy Spirit is not that we might have more him so that we can use him, but rather that he might have more of us and use us."

James Montgomery Boice – An Expository Commentary on Acts pg. 137