

WHENEVER ONE DOOR CLOSES...
A Movement That Changes the World – Part 9 of 9
Acts 8:1-25
February 1, 2015

1. When God _____ you, He intends to _____ you.

On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went. – Acts 8:1, 4 NIV

2. Loving Jesus will cause you to care about people that you _____
_____.

Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah there. ...when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. – Acts 8:5, 12 NIV

3. To discover how God wants to use you, look for the _____
_____.

When the people heard what he had to say and saw the miracles, the clear signs of God's action, they hung on his every word. Many who could neither stand nor walk were healed that day. The evil spirits protested loudly as they were sent on their way. And what joy in the city! – Acts 8:6-8 MSG

4. The greatest threats to what God is doing come from _____
_____.

Then Simon himself believed and was baptized. He began following Philip wherever he went, and he was amazed by the signs and great miracles Philip performed. – Acts 8:13 NLT

5. The Holy Spirit brings people _____, rather than _____
them.

When word reached Jerusalem that Samaria had accepted God's word, they commissioned Peter and John to go to Samaria. Peter and John went down to Samaria where they prayed that the new believers would receive the Holy Spirit. (This was because the Holy Spirit had not yet fallen on any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of Jesus.) So Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. – Acts 8:14-17 CEB

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. – Ephesians 4:3 NIV

6. You cannot _____ evil or _____ with God.

Before Philip's arrival, a certain man named Simon had practiced sorcery in that city and baffled the people of Samaria. He claimed to be a great person. ...When Simon perceived that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money. He said, "Give me this authority too so that anyone on whom I lay my hands will receive the Holy Spirit." Peter responded, "May your money be condemned to hell along with you because you believed you could buy God's gift with money! You can have no part or share in God's word because your heart isn't right with God. Therefore, change your heart and life! Turn from your wickedness! Plead with the Lord in the hope that your wicked intent can be forgiven, for I see that your bitterness has poisoned you and evil has you in chains." - Acts 8:9, 20-23 CEB

**New Sermon Series Beginning Next Sunday:
"Love, Sex, Romance and Reality"**

Small Group Leaders' Meeting: Tuesday, 6:00-8:00, in Suite D

Freedom Youth: Wednesday, 6:00-8:00, in Suite D

Celebrate Recovery: Thursday, 6:15, dinner in Suite D; 7:00, meeting in Suite C