

GROWING IN FAITH



Acts 8

Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

After they had further proclaimed the word of the Lord and testified about Jesus, Peter and John returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel in many Samaritan villages.

Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

Acts 8:17, 25, 40

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GOING DEEPER

The gospel goes international.

What regions/countries are impacted in this chapter?

How do we make sense of Simon the Sorcerer?

Why did Peter rebuke him so harshly? Was it deserved?

What role does baptism play in a Christian's faith journey?

Phillip.

How does Phillip's story mirror Stephen's? How is it different?

The Spirit tells Phillip to go listen to the Eunuch. When have you felt a tug to help someone, to share your story, or to share the gospel? Did you do it? Whether you did or not, what was the result?

Was the great persecution necessary?

The result is that faithful people took the gospel to other parts of the world. Is enduring persecution necessary?

Is evading persecution faithless?