



Breakthrough People (continued)

Text: Acts 8:4-8

Philip Preached in Samaria

4 But the believers who were scattered preached the Good News about Jesus wherever they went. 5 Philip, for example, went to the city of Samaria and told the people there about the Messiah. 6 Crowds listened intently to Philip because they were eager to hear his message and see the miraculous signs he did. 7 Many evil spirits were cast out, screaming as they left their victims. And many who had been paralyzed or lame were healed. 8 So there was great joy in that city.

Jesus will bring Joy into your life!

There is Joy on the other side of your breakthrough!

A. Phillip Breaks Through Three Barriers

1. **Uncomfortability of Pain** - The pain of how to deal with disruption?

- Acts 8: 4 -8 - But the believers who were scattered preached the Good News about Jesus wherever they went.
- The believers were SCATTERED because of the pain of persecution.
- Have you ever gone through a season where pain caused you to feel SCATTERED?
- Sometimes we have to become uncomfortable before we move.
- Discomfort may be best for us because God may be working through our pain to work out his purpose
- The pain that you are complaining about maybe the pain that God is using to prepare you
- What looked like a setback was a setup
- Remember when you are going through pain keep preaching Jesus

*****Discomfort is Developmental*****

“Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.”

Romans 5:3-5 ESV

*****The Disruption does not have the power to Destroy*****

“We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed.”

2 Corinthians 4:8-9 NLT

2. Inconvenience of Place

5 Phillip, for example, went to the city of Samaria and told the people there about the Messiah.

- Samaria was not an easy place.
- It was a place of **contention and strife** due to race. The Good Samaritan
- It was a place of **controversy**. The Woman at the well.
- Phillip didn't go to an easy place to preach Jesus
- After pain God sends Phillip to an inconvenient place
- Sometimes God has us in a tough places to do something extraordinary
- God is not limited by your place!
- Don't limit God by your place.
- God is bigger than your place, environment, circumstances, location!

***** What is in you is greater than what is around you*****

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Acts 1:8 ESV

Acts 16:22-26 Paul and Silas

- **Intimidation of Problems**

7 Many evil spirits were cast out, screaming as they left their victims. And many who had been paralyzed or lame were healed.

- Phillip was surrounded by people with all kinds of problems
- Remember there is no problem that God can not heal
- God is more powerful than your problem
- You can breakthrough and experience real Joy in Jesus