

Evangelism Part 6

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Spreading the Word of God in every place and in every time is the task that we should not put aside or excuse ourselves of not performing it. Acts 8 supply us with motivation and inspiration to lead us to evangelize even we are passing through hardship and in crisis.

“1 And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles.” (Acts 8:1 KJV) Acts 7 narrate the sermon of Stephan who was one of the seven, and it narrates his death when the angry Jews stoned him. Stephan was an important worker of the church being killed, so here the church is losing workers. ***And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem;*** So here in addition to the death of Stephan, every member of the church in Jerusalem is facing trouble and got persecuted. That had caused them to be scattered throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria. Only the apostles left in Jerusalem but the rest of the church members scattered.

It is so amazing to know that the whole church scattered and only the apostles remained. Sometimes you are seeing yourself alone and you may come to ask yourself how I can evangelize and reach new people and my situation is as such as this? *Acts 8 will teach us how to overcome and will motivate us to move to evangelize.*

The persecution that had taken place in the ***Acts 8*** had reached houses and sure the apostles' houses were known, but inspite of all that they remained intact and did not scatter. God allowed the whole church to be scattered and kept the apostles in Jerusalem. That is His doing to allow God's Word to be preached by the new workers and the new believers who had not yet did their part in spreading His Word as the apostles did. The apostles who remain alone in Jerusalem did their part to once again start to evangelize and to win new souls even in Jerusalem.

“2 And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him.” (Acts 8:2 KJV) The Word of God here speaks about devout men. Devout men are desired and are called by God. Devout men among them God's work take place. We can observe the following examples of devout men in the Scriptures:

1. The devout men are witnesses for God, as Simeon witnessing the newly born Jesus in the temple, ***“And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.” (Luke 2:25 KJV)***

2. The devout Jews witnessed the apostles speaking in tongues in the day of Pentecost, ***“And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.” (Acts 2:5 KJV)***

3. The devout men welcomed the Word of God and the work of God as when Cornelius sent for Peter and received Christ and the Holy Spirit, ***“There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band, 2 A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway. 7 And when the angel which spake unto Cornelius was departed, he called two of his household servants, and a devout soldier of them that waited on him continually.” (Acts 10:2,7)***

4. The devout men they take part in God's work as Ananias who baptized Saul ***“And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, having a good report of all the Jews which dwelt there,” (Acts 22:12 KJV)***

5. The devout men are willing to receive persecution for the sake of God's work as the devout men who buried Stephen as we read in ***Acts 8:2.***

God fearing devout men who buried Stephen, their hearts and minds wear wounded with pain, seeing Stephen body dead, wounded, bruised and crushed with the stones. They were knowing him as man of faith with miracles and wonders and now he is dead and even disfigured, that had added more to their pain and sorrow, ***and made great lamentation over him.*** The cruel death of Stephan, and the ongoing persecution on the church was injustice to those men who were devout men that added to their lamentation over Stephan. But all that pain and grief were also promotional factors for them to preach and spread God's Word to others and in new and far places. *Persecution, grief, pain, sadness and troubles of great turmoil should never shaken us or hinder us from preaching the gospel to others and to new places.*

“3 As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison.” (Acts 8:3 KJV) Saul at that stage was one of the prominent enemies for the church. He was not only harmful and dangerous but he made havoc for the church. The harmful impact that Saul did against the church was not only attacking the believer, speaking against them, harming them, assassinating them, imprisoned them, but further than that, he was reaching them to their houses, where they were living with their families. Houses are the places where the early church was gathering, ***“And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart.” (Acts 2:46 KJV)*** Families form the basic unit of the church and make the church grow. With this action of Saul he accelerated the destruction that had happened to the church. In entering the houses of the church members, their families were destroyed and the places of worship and gathering for the church were closed. That is why it says ***“and they were all scattered abroad.” (Acts 8:1 KJV)***

“4 Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.” (Acts 8:4 KJV) When it says ***Therefore they that were scattered abroad*** this mean that they had lost their houses and their belongings that were in Jerusalem. ***Hebrews 10:32-34 KJV*** describes clearly what they passed through, ***“32 But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions;33 Partly, whilst ye were***

*made a gazingstock both by reproaches and afflictions; and partly, whilst ye became companions of them that were so used.*³⁴ *For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance.”* *Persecution may cause us lot of lost and in various aspect, but still the Lord wants us and He will give us the stamina to continue to evangelize and spread His Word to others and to new places.*

With all what had happened with havoc to the church and the scattering of all the brethren, except the apostles who remain at Jerusalem, the church still stood the test and the contest and with the help of God who brought victory and regain its position in the world to impact once again the message of hope to the lost souls. The church once again revived and revival started from inside with the Holy Spirit that made His dwelling in the life of the disciples who stood the ground and fought the good fight when *they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word*. Those who scattered they reached out other places in Judaea and Samaria.

Persecution would be controlled and overcome when the Word of God once again preached and spread. Therefore my dear Brothers and Sisters, the moment that you face persecution think about how to spread His Word and that is the way for you of how you will overcome. *“35 Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward.*³⁶ *For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.*³⁷ *For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.*³⁸ *Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.*³⁹ *But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.”* (Hebrews 10:35-39 KJV) Our faith in Christ will help us to overcome the attack of the persecution that the enemy is sending against us.

The Holy Spirit that is living in the life of the disciples enabled them to get into right thought that they have a better substance in heaven, *“knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance.”* Such information that was born in their hearts and minds enabled them not to consider much what they had lost in Jerusalem from houses and other material possession. They concluded if they will continue to serve God, even in such hard situation and win new souls by spreading the Word of God in the new places that they were scattered, then they would achieve the purpose of God and the will of God, in allowing persecution to come upon them, and would confirm the receiving of their heavenly reward.

Consider the calling of God in your life and be willing to face persecution by spreading His Word further to new places and where you are relocated and moved. *“8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ.”* (Philippians 3:8 KJV) *Do not focus on the material loss that had happened to you because of God’s Word, but remember that winning new souls will guaranteed to you the heavenly reward that will surpass what you had lost from material things in this world. Commit yourself to the calling of God in your life to be a blessing to others in bringing them to Christ when you continue to preach His Word to them.*

“5 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. 6 And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. 7 For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many

that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed. 8 And there was great joy in that city. ” (Acts 8:5-8 KJV)

“5 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.” (Acts 8:5 KJV) Philip was one of the seven, and he responded to the persecution that had taken place in Jerusalem against the church by moving forward to preach the gospel in the city of Samaria.

It mentioned he went down, means he moved down from his comfort zone and was willing to go forward accepting suffering to communicate the gospel to the people who are in need of God’s Word and God’s will in their life.

Philip moved by faith, in obedience to God’s command to go to preach the gospel and to make disciples. He went down to Samaria trusting God that He will go with him and do miracles in his mission trip as he will be preaching Christ to them.

“6 And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.” (Acts 8:6 KJV) As Philipp moved, God aided him in his mission and He did many miracles through Philipp’s life. The people saw the miracles of God and got faith in God. As they witnessed the miracles of God they got united with one accord. *When we move in obedience to God’s Word and start to evangelize the Lord shall aid us and enable us to reach new people and He will do great and marvelous miracles in our lives. When we move in obedience to God’s Word and start to evangelize the Lord shall change the hearts and the minds of the people that we are reaching out and make them of one accord.*

The people when they are united in one accord they will be determined and focus in their decision to do certain things, and how much more when God is behind their unity to do and achieve the very will of God as you read in *“These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.”* (Acts 1:14 KJV) *“And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.”* (Acts 2:1 KJV) *“And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart.”* (2:46 KJV) *“And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is.”* (4:24 KJV) *“And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon’s porch.”* (5:12 KJV) *“It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul”* (15:25 KJV)

When Philip went down to Samaria, God gave the people of Samaria one heart and one mind to believe in order to glorify God, *“That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”* (Romans 15:6 KJV) *As the Church of God move forward led by the Holy Spirit the Lord shall lead His church to reach new people whom God had prepared their heart to receive His Word and His servants who carry the message to them.* As God lead, then He will provide. *Here God allowed persecution that made the church scattered and He provided for the church their needs by enabling them to spread His Word wherever they went* *“4 Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.”* (Acts 8:4 KJV) This is what we ought to say here: *The need of the Church of God*

today will be met when His Word is preached, new areas and cities reached out and new souls harvested.

The people of Samaria, ***With one accord gave heed unto those things;*** They gave heed to the message that was spoken to them. To give heed, is to take seriously the warning message of God, what His Word declares and His prophets spoke. ***“And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.” (Luke 21:34 KJV) “Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.” (Acts 20:28 KJV) “Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.” (Hebrews 2:1 KJV) and “We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts.” (2 Peter 1:19 KJV)*** To take heed is to take certain action in response to the instruction that is given as in ***Luke 17:3 KJV, “Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him.”*** To take heed also is not to get enticed to go along evil influences of false teachers and the false teaching as in ***Matthew 16:6 KJV “Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.”*** and ***1 Timothy 4:1 KJV “Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.”***

The people of Samaria ***with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.*** The people saw things and heard things. There were people witnessed the miracles that God did through Philip, and there were people believed and got saved as they heard what God did of miracles through His servant Philip. ***What can be understood here that when the Word of God preached miracles of various kinds would happen; and as the Word of God be heard, people repents, sins forgiven, sicknesses healed and people got saved.***

“7 For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.” (Acts 8:7 KJV) Preaching the message of God might be also accompanied by ministering to the sick people, laying hands on them, and driving out demons from them. The unclean spirits are demons and they will cause various sicknesses and various manifestations. Many kinds of body pain, paralysis and palsies are caused by these demons. They would always try to cause disturbance and noise when they are moving out from those who are afflicted by them. Probably to impart fear to those who are used by God to expel them from the afflicted victims. These demons do that because they are not willing to leave their comfort place –the body of those who had afflicted them with sicknesses. It is a torment to demons to move out from the bodies that they were occupying. ***When we evangelize we will be encountering demons and people possessed with demons, therefore we need to drive them out. We need also to trust God that He will give us the power and authority to drive out demons and sick people will get healed as we move to preach His Word.***

Philip in his ministry in Samaria drove out demons the same as what Jesus did for the man who was possessed in the synagogue of Capernaum, ***“23 And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, “24 Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with***

thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God.25 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him.26 And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him.” (Mark 1:23-26 KJV)

Philip did similar to what Jesus did in Capernaum, ***“32 And at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils. 33 And all the city was gathered together at the door.34 And he healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils; and suffered not the devils to speak, because they knew him.” (Mark 1:32-34 KJV)***

The promise of Jesus to His disciples is that the gates of hell will not be able to overcome them, ***“18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” (Matthew 16:18 KJV)*** Those who are possessed by unclean spirits are hell advancing and occupying territories. Therefore as we, the church, move forward and the disciples preached the good news, hell will be combated and the gates of hell will be directly controlled and subdued by the Church of God. Therefore the persecution that was range out against the church in Jerusalem was subdued and controlled when the gospel was preached by the disciples wherever they went; ***“4 Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.” (Acts 8:4 KJV)***

God promised Abraham that his seed shall possess the gate of their enemies, ***“17 That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;” (Genesis 22:17 KJV)***

The family of Rebekah blessed her when they sent her to marry Isaac with these blessings: ***“60 And they blessed Rebekah, and said unto her, Thou art our sister, be thou the mother of thousands of millions, and let thy seed possess the gate of those which hate them. (Genesis 24:60 KJV)*** They blessed her that her seed will possess the gate of those who hate them.

The gate of the enemy of Jesus and ours is the Satan and the demons with him. Satan the bruiser of Jesus heal and our heals, the persecutor of the church, and the causers of many and various sicknesses, ***“15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.” (Genesis 3:15 KJV)*** As God promised, the head of Satan will be bruised and his gates will be taken and hell will not overcome. Therefore we need to believe and understand that as the Word of God is preached, the people would believe, sins will be forgiven, demons will be driven out, and sick people will get delivered, saved and healed.

What the Church of God doing today, and the disciple of Jesus in evangelizing and spreading the Word of God and subduing the gates of hell is a just a glimpse of the final victory of Jesus over devil and his final defeat when he will be thrown in the lake of fire and brimstone, ***“7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog, and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.10 And the devil that***

deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever.” (Revelation 20:7-10 KJV) As we move forward to evangelize we are pushing backward the gate of hell, driving out demons and setting people free from the power of sin and darkness.

“8 And there was great joy in that city.” (Acts 8: 8 KJV) So every time we evangelize and every soul is been reached out and won for Christ, heaven rejoice; we are experiencing the joy of the victory, and we are stepping forward toward the final victory over Satan. “7 I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance. 10 Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.” (Luke 15:7, 10 KJV) Great joy in Samaria after the gospel preached, was the manifestation of that victory that the persecuted and scattered church had achieved in subduing the gates of hell; bruising the head of the serpent, and winning the city of Samaria for God.

Great Joy contributed by the joy of Salvation, the joy of the forgiveness of sins, the joy of justification and those who believed become children of God. Great Joy contributed by the joy of healing, the joy of deliverance from bondages and pain and limitations, the joy of knowing the truth, the joy of living in holiness and not in sin, the joy of becoming part of God’s church and God’s household and be within a holy community. Great Joy contributed by the joy of victory over death, the joy of knowing the plan of God, the joy of knowing that we are having a place in heaven, and the joy of knowing that Jesus will come and take us with Him to heaven. The gospel that Philip preached explained all that to them therefore that is why it is said, *“And there was great joy in that city.”*

Samaria was built by Omri the father of Ahab, *“And he bought the hill Samaria of Shemer for two talents of silver, and built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built, after the name of Shemer, owner of the hill, Samaria.” (1Kings 16:24 KJV)* From the day of the building of the city of Samaria, it was a place of idol worship *“25 But Omri wrought evil in the eyes of the LORD, and did worse than all that were before him. 26 For he walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin, to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger with their vanities. 27 Now the rest of the acts of Omri which he did, and his might that he shewed, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 28 So Omri slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria: and Ahab his son reigned in his stead. 29 And in the thirty and eighth year of Asa king of Judah began Ahab the son of Omri to reign over Israel: and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty and two years. 30 And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD above all that were before him. 31 And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him. 32 And he reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria. 33 And Ahab made a grove; and Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him.” (1Kings 16:25-33 KJV)* Samaria was the capital of the divided ten tribes. Baal worship was introduced by Ahab in Samaria after his marriage with Jezebel. The Great prophets Elijah and Elisha ministered in Samaria, starting during the reign of King Ahab, the most wicked of its kings. We can read about Elijah and Elisha in *1 Kings 17:1 to 2 Kings 13:21.*

Hosea, Amos and other prophets ministered in Samaria. Murders and corruptions was in the city of Samaria. Naboth and his sons were killed in Samaria by Ahab to extort from him his vineyard (*1 Kings 21:1-21 KJV*). Samaria was the capital of the divided ten tribes till it was taken to captivity by the King of Assyria and their people was replaced by non Jewish people (*2Kings 17:6-41 KJV*) And the place of Samaria remained a source of trouble to Jerusalem during the reign of most of its kings, and even after it is destroyed by the King of Assyria, it kept its enmity against God’s people. King Hezekiah invited the people of Samaria to return back after they were destroyed by the king of Assyria but they mocked the message that was sent to them (*2 Chronicles 30:1-11 KJV*) King Josiah removed drastically all the the idolatrous altar of Samaria (*2 Kings 23:15-20, 2 Chronicles 34:33 KJV*) Samaria was a source of trouble to the people of God during the time of rebuilding the temple (*Ezra 4:1-24 KJV*) and during the time of rebuilding the wall (*Nehemiah 4:1-2 KJV*).

Jesus passed through Samaria and healed the ten lepers (*Luke 17:11-19 KJV*) and he reached the Samaritan woman and the city of Sychar (*John 4:1-42 KJV*)

And after Jesus, and in respond to the persecution that took place against the church in Jerusalem, *“5 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.” (Acts 8:5 KJV)* and God did through Philip marvelous things; this reminding us what Jesus said to His disciples, *“12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.” (John 14:12 KJV)* *It is also teaching us that great enemy of the past can be changed, tamed and transformed by the gospel of Christ. The great enemy of the past would be useful and beneficial through the gospel of Christ.* Paul said to Philemon about Onesimus, *“15 For perhaps he therefore departed for a season, that thou shouldest receive him for ever; 16 Not now as a servant, but above a servant, a brother beloved, specially to me, but how much more unto thee, both in the flesh, and in the Lord?” (Philemon 1:15-16 KJV)* Samaria departed from Jerusalem and the temple (the Old Testament church) due to sin but later on through the gospel of Jesus it became transformed and came back to the church not as enemy to destroy, but a beloved brother to build the Church of God. Truly it become one with the rest of churches who were in rest, *“Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.” (Acts 9:31 KJV)*

My dear and beloved: Be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit. The Lord shall lead you to go down to help people, families, villages and cities who live in darkness. They will be no more enemies to you, but dear brothers in Christ and will help you in your mission to reach out the lost. Commit yourself to the calling of God in your life to be a blessing to others in bringing them to Christ as you agree to pray.

My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the death to give me eternal life. Lord I thank you for your word that encourages me and makes me think in a better way. Lord here am I, willing to spread your Word and tell others about the better life that you had promised to those who believe in you. Lord sustains me and provide for me to continue to serve you.

Lord I repent of the sin of non evangelizing

Repent of the rest of your sins that is hindering from going forward to go and do the work of God _____.

Lord I thank you for your word that makes your callings clear to me. Your Word had made me understand more deep things from your word and had helped me understand life and evangelism in a better way. Lord I commit myself to go out with you to the field that you are directing me, to reach the lost, to direct them to know you. Lord gives me the same mind and love of yours to reach the lost and bring your salvation to them. Lord sustains me with a good health and the needed strength to do this ministry.

Lord I pray for my Brothers and my Sisters who committed their lives to go and evangelize, Lord Baptize them with the Holy Ghost, and give them the spiritual gifts to go and spread your Word. Lord I pray that you will protect them and provide their needs and do marvelous miracles in their lives.

Lord bless your church, and enable us Lord to reach new people, new villages, and new areas with the gospel impacting new cities, countries and nations with the gospel of Jesus. Lord enables us to plant more Bible studies and more congregations in various places. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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