

The places people avoid can be the very places God has already prepared for a move of His Spirit.

Acts 8:6-8 (NIV) - When the crowds heard Philip and saw the signs he performed, they all paid close attention to what he said. For with shrieks, impure spirits came out of many, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. So there was great joy in that city.

When Jesus shows up, brokenness has to leave.

Acts 8:18-19 (NIV) - When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money and said, "Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

The same grace that exposes our selfishness is also the grace that offers forgiveness, transformation, and a brand-new life.

If your heart isn't surrendered, you're still in bondage — even if you wear the label "Christian."

Acts 8:20-23 (NIV) - Peter answered: "May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money! You have no part or share in this ministry, because your heart is not right before God. Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord in the hope that he may forgive you for having such a thought in your heart. For I see that you are full of bitterness and captive to sin."

God's calling isn't always convenient — but it's always worth it.

Acts 8:30-35 (NIV) - Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

The Holy Spirit is still at work today: moving hearts, opening doors, and leading His people to share the Gospel.

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