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Series: **Living Proof**

When Living Outside Your Comfort Zone

(Acts 8:1-25)

(Acts 8:1–3) And Saul approved of his (Stephen) execution. And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. Devout men buried Stephen and made great lamentation over him. But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison.

1. _____ comes to Samaria.

Acts 8:4–8

2. _____ comes to Samaria.

Acts 8:9-13

- The kingdom of God – the rule and reign of God
- The name of Jesus – all that He was, is and always will be

3. The _____ comes to Samaria.

Acts 8:14-17

How does the Holy Spirit come upon people in Acts?

- Acts describes the _____ journey of the Church
- The Spirit's activity in Acts is _____ NOT prescriptive
- The Spirit's activity here is _____ not typical (cf. Acts 2:1-4, 19:1-7, 10:44, 2:38-39)

Why did the Holy Spirit come upon them after they believed?

- To allow for Apostolic _____ of the Samaritan conversion
- To avoid the _____ of a Jewish Church and Samaritan church.
- To preserve _____.

“The greatest threat to any church does not come from outside opposition but instead inside opposition.” (John 17)