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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)