

“Escaping Gravity - Stage 2”

Acts 8.4-13

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- **This is not about _____ - this is about _____.**
- **This Good News is for _____.**
- **The Good News needed/needs to _____ the gravitational pull of _____ (and _____).**
- **People put their _____ in _____ and _____.**
- **Sacraments are _____ of a _____ and _____ heart.**
- **My avoidance of someone - anyone - makes me more like the _____ and _____ than the _____.**

Further reflection/discussion

What did you like about this passage?

What questions do you have?

What do we learn about people? God’s heart?

What is something I need to apply based on this passage?

Is there a way in which your own faith needs to escape the pull of works?

Is there someone(s) with whom you could/would never share the Good News? Honestly? And what might be a step you could take in trusting God to do something about that?

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⁴Therefore, those who had been scattered “came through” “good-newsing” the word. ⁵Philip “came down” to the city of Samaria and was proclaiming Christ to them. ⁶The crowds with one accord were giving attention to what was said by Philip, as they heard and saw the signs which he was performing. ⁷For *in the case of* many who had unclean spirits, they were coming out *of them* shouting with a loud voice; and many who had been paralyzed and lame were healed. ⁸So there was much rejoicing in that city. ⁹Now there was a man named Simon, who formerly was practicing magic in the city and “amazing” the people of Samaria, claiming to be someone great; ¹⁰and they all, from smallest to greatest, were giving attention to him, saying, “This man is what is called the “Mega Dynamo” of God.” ¹¹And they were giving him attention because he had for a long time “amazed” them with his magic arts. ¹²But when they believed Philip “good-newsing” about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were being baptized, men and women alike. ¹³Even Simon himself believed; and after being baptized, he “devoting to” Philip, and as he observed signs and “mega dynamos” taking place, he was constantly amazed.

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