

GO: Power to Go Where We Don't Want to Go.

Acts 8-10

📖 Acts 2:42–47 (NIV) “They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”

God will use difficulties in ways we didn't think He could.

📖 Acts 7:59–8:1 (NIV) “While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰ Then he fell on his knees and cried out, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he fell asleep. ¹ And Saul was there, giving approval to his death. On that day a great persecution broke out against the church at Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria.”

📖 Acts 1:8 (NIV) “...you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

📖 Acts 8:2–4 (NIV) “Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him. ³ But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off men and women and put them in prison. ⁴ Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went.”

God will use us in places we didn't think He would.

📖 Acts 8:5–8 (NIV) “Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Christ there. ⁶ When the crowds heard Philip and saw the miraculous signs he did, they all paid close attention to what he said. ⁷ With shrieks, evil spirits came out of many, and many paralytics and cripples were healed. ⁸ So there was great joy in that city.”

📖 Acts 8:9–13 (NIV) “Now for some time a man named Simon had practiced sorcery in the city and amazed all the people of Samaria. He boasted that he was someone great, ¹⁰ and all the people, both high and low, gave him their attention and exclaimed, “This man is the divine power known as the Great Power.” ¹¹ They followed him because he had amazed them for a long time with his magic. ¹² But when they believed Philip as he preached the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. ¹³ Simon himself believed and was baptized. And he followed Philip everywhere, astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw.”

God will move us when we don't think He should.

📖 Acts 8:26–27a (NIV) “Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” ²⁷ So he started out...”

📖 John 4:1–7 (NIV) “The Pharisees heard that Jesus was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John, ² although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but His disciples. ³ When the Lord learned of this, He left Judea and went back once more to Galilee. ⁴ Now He had to go through Samaria. ⁵ So He came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as He was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. ⁷ When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?”

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IMPACT

- Imitating Christ
- Meeting Needs
- **Proclaiming the Good News**
- Assimilating people into the church
- Celebrating God
- Teaching the Word of God

How has God used difficulty to get you moving? If God can use anyone anywhere, why do you think He wants certain people in certain places? Have you felt led to do something that made absolutely no sense? What was it? How did it turn out? Where is God calling you to GO? Who is God calling you to reach? Do you trust God completely?

