

The Gospel is Unstoppable

Acts 8:1b-8

The Reign of Christ Produces Deep and Shared Joy (v8)

Because... The Gospel Is Not Stopped by Persecution (v1b-3)

And Because... The Gospel Is Not Limited to Leaders (v4)

And Because... Christ's Authority Advances into Divided and Dark Places (v5-7)

Encourage you to journal or pray through these this week:

1. *Where has God "scattered" me right now... and how might He want His gospel carried there? Read Acts 8:4 again. Rather than asking what more you should be doing, ask where you already are. Consider your ordinary rhythms: work, family, school, neighborhood, and friendships. Pray that God would help you see your current place not as accidental, but as purposeful.*
2. *What fears or hesitations tend to silence me... and how does this passage reshape those fears? Reflect on the contrast from the sermon: "We hesitate over awkwardness; they speak under threat." Ask the Lord to show you what most often holds you back from speaking of Christ, and then bring those fears honestly before Him. Pray for quiet courage rooted not in confidence, but in Christ's reign.*
3. *How is the reign of Christ meant to produce joy in my life... even in difficulty? Read Acts 8:8 slowly. Joy in this passage follows proclamation, obedience, and Christ's authority... not ease. Ask yourself where you've been tempted to look for joy apart from Christ, and pray that the Spirit would help you rest again in the goodness of God and the sure reign of Jesus.*