

The logo features a stylized flame in shades of orange and red, positioned to the left of the word 'ACTS'. The flame has a jagged, organic shape with a gradient from dark red at the base to bright orange at the top. The word 'ACTS' is rendered in a bold, blocky, sans-serif font in a reddish-orange color. Above 'ACTS' is the word 'The' in a white, elegant script font. Below 'ACTS' is the phrase 'OF THE APOSTLES' in a white, all-caps, serif font. The entire text is centered on a dark brown background with stylized, wavy, light brown patterns at the top and bottom, resembling flames or smoke.

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OF THE APOSTLES



Today's Scripture Reading

Acts 8:1-8



And Saul approved of his 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. ² Devout men buried Stephen and made great lamentation over him. ³ But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison.



⁴ Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word. ⁵ Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ. ⁶ And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip when they heard him and saw the signs that he did. ⁷ For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. ⁸ So there was much joy in that city.



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MOVING OUT!

“Revolution of Another Kind”

Acts 8:1-8



INTRODUCTION:

Sick and tired of my brothas
killin' each other
Sick and tired of daddies leavin'
babies with their mothers
To every man who wants to lay
around and play around
Listen partner, you be man
enough to stay around
Sick and tired of the church
talkin' religion
And yet, they talk about each
other, makin' decisions
No more racism, two-facism,
no pollution, the solution?
A Revolution

No crime, no dying, politicians
lying, everybody's trying
To make a dollar it makes me
wanna holler
The way they do my life, they
way they do my life
There's gonna be a brighter day,
all your troubles will pass away
A revolution's comin', yes it's
comin', comin'
Revolution's comin', yes it's
comin', revolution's comin',
comin'

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CONSIDER THE CIRCUMSTANCE

Acts 8:1a

And Saul approved of his execution.



COUNT THE COSTS

Acts 8:1b-3

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. ² Devout men buried Stephen and made great lamentation over him. ³ But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison.



CONTINUE IN THE COURSE

Acts 8:4-7

Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word. ⁵ Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ. ⁶ And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip when they heard him and saw the signs that he did. ⁷ For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed.



CELEBRATE THE CHRIST

Acts 8:8

So there was much joy in that city.



APPLICATION

1. *There is a blessing in a struggle.*

God can take our hard times and turn them in to good times for others. The verb in 8:1 and 8:8 is the same but the subjects are different.

2. *Do you want to be where the action is?*

Get involved in kingdom of God enterprises – being on gospel mission.

3. *God uses ordinary men and women to accomplish extraordinary results.*



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