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Today's Scripture Reading

Acts 8:26-40



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WHAT IS THE THEME OF THE FOLLOWING VERSES?

Isaiah 58:11

And the LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your desire in scorched places and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.

Proverbs 3:5-6

I trust in the Lord with all my heart and lean not on my own understanding. In all my ways I acknowledge Him and He directs my paths.

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Isaiah 30:21

And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying,
“This is the way, walk in it,” when you turn to the
right or when you turn to the left.

Philippians 2:13

It is God Who works in me both to will and to do for
His good pleasure.

Hebrews 13:21

The God of peace will make me complete in every
good work to do His will, working in me what is well
pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ.

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Psalm 32:8-9

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you.

Jeremiah 33:3

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Some ways the Holy Spirit Communicates:

1. Speech: Acts 8:26; 29
2. Other people: Micah 3:8-10
3. His Word: John 15: 26
4. A presence - dreams, visions, creation



Some ways we sin against the Holy Spirit:

1. Selfish gain
2. Ignore/Indecisive
3. Limit the communication of the Holy Spirit:
confine the Holy Spirit to my preferred form of
communication.

WHAT ARE SOME WAYS THE HOLY
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Does the Holy Spirit lead you?

1. Are you open to being led in new ways?

PRAY THAT WE WOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES THE LORD GIVES US.

2. Do you see interruptions as opportunities?

MAY YOU BE ENCOURAGED TO ALLOW EVANGELISM TO BE A PART OF YOUR LIFESTYLE, AND NOT A MINISTRY OR ACTIVITY?

3. Do you spend time in the Word of God so that you would be prepared share the good news of Jesus Christ **when** given the opportunity?



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