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## *Today's Scripture Reading*

Acts 8:9-25



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WOULD YOU EXPECT THE HOLY SPIRIT NOT TO  
FALL ON PEOPLE ONCE THEY WERE SAVED?

## *Major Themes of Acts*

1. Man can't control how the Holy Spirit operates. He will do what He believes best accomplishes the will of the Father.
2. The Holy Spirit unifies the body that the Father set apart and Jesus died for.



## *John 3:8*

The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.



## WHAT TYPES OF THINGS WILL BREAK THE UNITY PRESENT IN OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY?

1. Serving more than digging from His well.
2. Reading more about God's Word than His word.
3. Using your funds to advance personal interests and giving to the church out of the remains.



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## Exodus 8:4

Then Pharaoh called Moses and Aaron and said, “Plead with the Lord to take away the frogs from me and from my people, and I will let the people go to sacrifice to the Lord.”

## Luke 16:14-15

The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.



## THREE THINGS TO TAKE AWAY FROM THIS PASSAGE

1. The Holy Spirit desires unity among His church.
2. Philip pointed towards Christ and His kingdom in His evangelism, which lead towards rebuke and an invitation to repentance.
  - i. *How often do you take the Philip approach?*
3. Repentance is the fruit of a heart for God.
  - i. *Do you view it as tool of restoration or one of condemnation and judgment?*



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