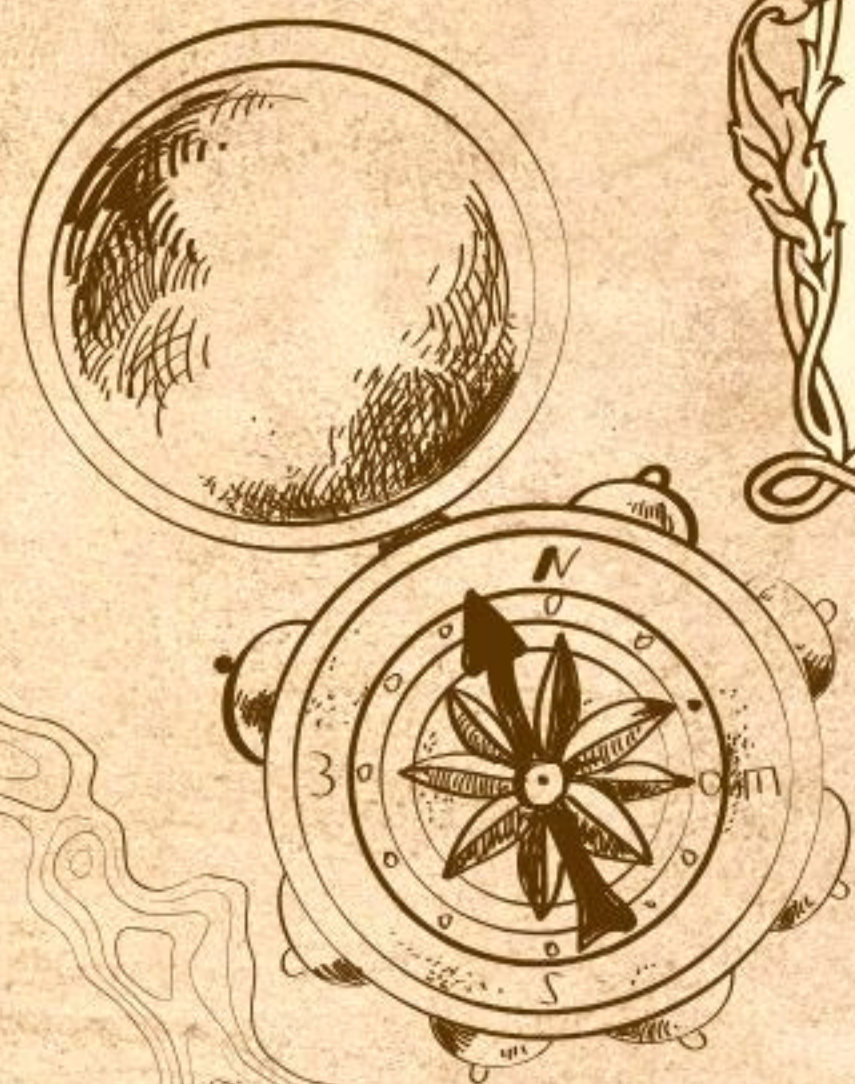


Journey through Acts



- 1. I can share my gifts!**
- 2. I can be brave!**
- 3. I can give my all!**
- 4. I can pray!**
- 5. I can hope!**



That day a severe persecution began against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout the countryside of Judea and Samaria.

⁴ Now those who were scattered went from place to place, proclaiming the word.

Acts 8:1,4

Acts 8:1-25

1. From Jerusalem to all Judea to Samaria...

⁹ Now a certain man named Simon had previously practiced magic in the city and amazed the people of Samaria, saying that he was someone great.

¹⁰ All of them, from the least to the greatest, listened to him eagerly, saying, “This man is the power of God that is called Great.”

¹¹ And they listened eagerly to him because for a long time he had amazed them with his magic.

Acts 8:9-11

¹² But when they believed Philip, who was proclaiming the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

¹³ Even Simon himself believed. After being baptized, he stayed constantly with Philip and was amazed when he saw the signs and great miracles that took place.

Acts 8:12-13

¹⁸ Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money,

¹⁹ saying, "Give me also this power so that anyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

Acts 8:18-19

²⁰ But Peter said to him, “May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain God’s gift with money!”

Acts 8:20

Acts 8:1-25

- 1. From Jerusalem to all Judea to Samaria...**
- 2. Not for Sale**

Acts 8:1-25

- 1. From Jerusalem to all Judea to Samaria...**
- 2. Not for Sale**
- 3. Heart Matters**

21 You have no part or share in this, for your heart is not right before God. 22 Repent therefore of this wickedness of yours, and pray to the Lord that, if possible, the intent of your heart may be forgiven you.

Acts 8:21-22

**23 For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness
and the chains of wickedness.”**

**24 Simon answered, “Pray for me to the Lord, that
nothing of what you have said may happen to
me.”**

Acts 8:23-24

Bitter hearts bear bitter fruits.

Hebrews 12:15 See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springs up and causes trouble, and through it many become defiled.

Luke 6:43-44 “No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; 44 for each tree is known by its own fruit.

James 3:14-16 But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. 15 Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish.

16 For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind.

God seeks hearts after God's own heart!!

Acts 8:1-25

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