

# ACTS 8

How Persecution Impacts  
The Church

Flushing   
community church

**“You must love the Lord your God with all  
your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’  
(And) ...‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’**

From Matthew 22:37-40 NLT

**“And now, O Lord, hear their threats, and give us, your servants, great boldness in preaching your word. Stretch out your hand with healing power; may miraculous signs and wonders be done through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”**

Acts 4:29-30 NLT

**The apostles left the high council rejoicing that God had counted them worthy to suffer disgrace for the name of Jesus. And every day, in the Temple and from house to house, they continued to teach and preach this message: “Jesus is the Messiah.”**

Acts 5:41-42 NLT

**“Sometimes we have to become uncomfortable before we’ll move. We may not want to experience it, but discomfort may be the best thing for us because God maybe working through our pain. When you are tempted to complain about uncomfortable or painful circumstances, stop and ask if God might be preparing you for a special task.”**

Life Application Bible Commentary: Acts (pg. 135)

**“Crowds listened intently to Philip because they were eager to hear his message and see the miraculous signs he did. Many evil spirits were cast out, screaming as they left their victims. And many who had been paralyzed or lame were healed. So there was great joy in that city.”**

Acts 8:6-8 NLT

**As they rode along, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “Look! There’s some water! Why can’t I be baptized?”**

***\*NKJV: Then Philip said, “If you believe with all your heart, you may.” And he answered and said, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.” He ordered the carriage to stop, and they went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.”***

Acts 8:36-38 NLT & NKJV

**PERSECUTION gives us the  
OPPORTUNITY to  
authentically REFLECT the  
LOVE of Jesus Christ!**



