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Salt Is Best Outside The Shaker

Acts 1:8 - *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

Acts 8:1-3 - *Saul was one of the witnesses, and he agreed completely with the killing of Stephen. A great wave of persecution began that day, sweeping over the church in Jerusalem; and all the believers except the apostles were scattered through the regions of Judea and Samaria. ² (Some devout men came and buried Stephen with great mourning.) ³ But Saul was going everywhere to destroy the church. He went from house to house, dragging out both men and women to throw them into prison.*

Acts 8:4-8 - *But the believers who were scattered preached the Good News about Jesus wherever they went. ⁵ Philip, for example, went to the city of Samaria and told the people there about the Messiah. ⁶ Crowds listened intently to Philip because they were eager to hear his message and see the miraculous signs he did. ⁷ Many evil spirits were cast out, screaming as they left their victims. And many who had been paralyzed or lame were healed. ⁸ So there was great joy in that city.*

The Spirit Was Breaking Down The Barrier Of Racism And Division

Mark 16:15 - *And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. ESV*

It Took Persecution For The Gospel Message To Move Outward

God Will Sometimes Use Pain To Plant Us In New Soil Where We Could Produce Even More Fruit

The Believers Were Simply Passionate And Free About Their Witness For Jesus

They Embraced Their Situation As An Opportunity To See What God Would Do

Acts 8:14-17 - *When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵ On their arrival, they prayed for them to receive the Holy Spirit. ¹⁶ For the Holy Spirit had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had simply been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷ Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.*

God Empowered Their Faith As They Received The Spirit