

## Gospel Power Versus Earthly Powers

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**Text:** Acts 8:4-25

### **The Gospel Breaks Down Human Barriers**

- The gospel propels Christ's followers to \_\_\_\_\_.

### **The Gospel Prevails Over All Other Powers**

- The gospel is a more \_\_\_\_\_ message than any the world offers.
  
- The gospel's success is \_\_\_\_\_ success.

### **The Gospel Succeeds Because of the Spirit's Work**

- The Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ and draws people to Christ.
  
- The Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel through signs and wonders.
  
- The gospel succeeds through \_\_\_\_\_ means.

### **A Word About Spiritual Authority**

- The Spirit and His power cannot be \_\_\_\_\_ by humans.
  
- The Spirit and His manifestations are \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- The Spirit is not given through \_\_\_\_\_.

## Life Enrichment

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What about today's teaching challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- What types of power do we utilize daily? How can those forms of power harm us? Benefit us?
- What did Philip and Simon have in common (vv. 5-11)?
- Why do you think it was vital for the gospel to cross over the Samaritan "barrier?"
- What social, economic, political, and religious barriers does the gospel need to cross in our area?
- What do you think drew the Samaritans' attention away from Simon's sorcery to Philip's ministry?
- When you think of spiritual authority, what comes to mind? How is it obtained? How is it best demonstrated?
- How might we be tempted to think of spiritual authority in the same way as Simon the sorcerer?
- What role do you think the Spirit and His powerful manifestations should play in reaching our community with the gospel?
- What entrenched prejudices toward people in our town can the gospel help us overcome?