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The Work of the Church

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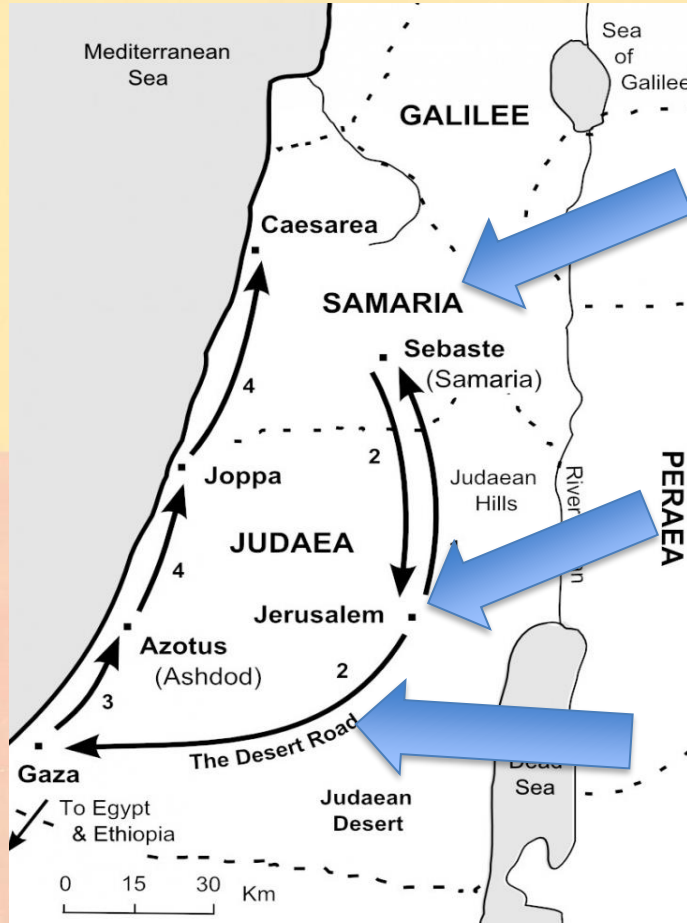
Romans 8:11 And if the **Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you**, he who raised Christ from the dead will **also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.**

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Acts 8

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Acts 8:25-40 This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸ and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. ²⁹ The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.” ³⁰ Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked. ³¹ “How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³² This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

Acts 8:25-40 “He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

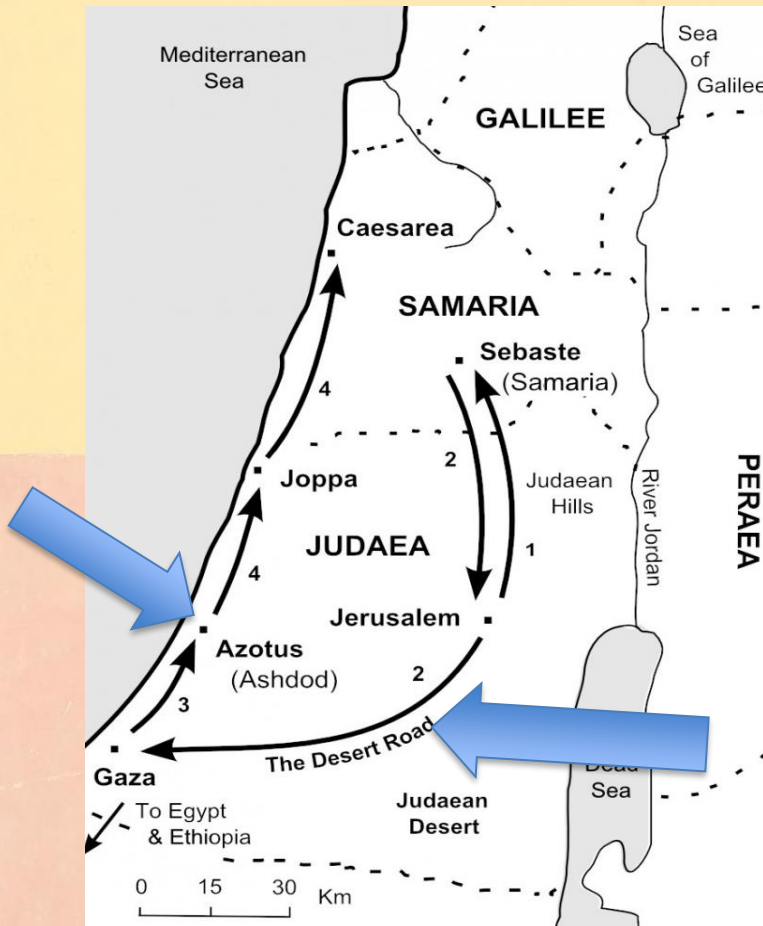
³³ In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants?

For his life was taken from the earth.” ³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?” ³⁵ Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

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Acts 8:25-40 As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?” ³⁸ And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

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How do we work with the Holy Spirit?

Be filled with the Holy Spirit & desire His will

Be flexible in your plans

Be expectant and looking for opportunities

Pay attention to what is right in front of you

Take the step without knowing what's next

Risk looking or feeling a bit foolish

God does the work but we partner with Him

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Challenge

Continue to pray this week for people outside the church that God wants you to intersect with moving them closer to Jesus.

Pay close attention to the Holy Spirit's nudges that may take you to people, places or ways of doing things which are different from your normal ways

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