

The persecution mentioned in today's Scripture verse forced Philip out of Jerusalem. He was pushed out of his comfort zone. What is significant is that previously God had poured out His Holy Spirit upon the believers in Jerusalem. The same God who showed them that powerful sign could have stopped the persecution, but it was for a purpose - a plan to push them into their destiny. It was in Samaria that Philip saw the greatest days of his ministry. If he had stayed in Jerusalem, he would never have reached his full potential.

God knows how to get you out of your comfort zone. He opened the door; He can close the door. That closed door is God pushing you. Maybe you have been pushed out of Jerusalem, so to speak, through a bad break, a disappointment, a betrayal etc. Don't be discouraged. If it weren't going to work for your good, God wouldn't have allowed it. Jerusalem may have closed, but Samaria is about to open. God wouldn't be pushing you if He didn't already have a door open.

Acts 8:1,5 "At that time a great persecution arose against the church...Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them."