

In the book of Acts, the Holy Spirit came like a rushing, mighty wind and filled the disciples with power. They went throughout Jerusalem praying for people, seeing the sick healed, the lame walk, and thousands become believers. But then a great wave of persecution arose, and the disciples fled for their lives to Samaria and Judea and shared their faith. Had they not left Jerusalem, Christianity wouldn't have spread. They would have just kept it for the Jewish people. God had to push them out of their 'nest'. They were satisfied in Jerusalem, but what God had in mind was much bigger. Because of the opposition, the good news of salvation spread all over the world.

We often don't know what God is up to. In real time, all we see is an adversity we didn't choose - persecution pushed us out, a friend or partner walked away, the contract didn't go through, the medical report hasn't improved etc. God is saying: "I am still ordering your steps. Trust My ways when you don't understand. You are about to feel the fresh wind of the Holy Spirit rushing over you."

Acts 8:3-4 "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. But the believers who were scattered preached the Good News about Jesus wherever they went."