

Changing your mind (Acts 8:9-25)

- 1. Satan has power, but God's power is far greater. (Acts 8:9-12)**
 - a. The deceiver is relentless in his pursuit of us. He offers many empty counterfeits for the provision of God.
 - b. Jesus Christ can truly move us from death to life. His power is unparalleled.
- 2. The temptation to retreat in our faith is very real. (Acts 8:13-19)**
 - a. All believers face three common enemies: The world, our flesh, and the devil.
 - b. We have individual temptations (and appetites) and the enemy is aware of them. We need to be aware of them as well.
- 3. We do not know how long we will be given to repent. (Acts 8:20-25)**
 - a. To repent means to change your mind and your actions.
 - b. Sin must be dealt with or it can hold us back and ultimately destroy us.

Application prayer (Kent Hughes):

O Lord, help us see any points of self-seeking in our lives—any way we are seeking your power for wrong reasons. Help us to seek you only, and not merely your gifts. Search our hearts today. Purge us and strengthen us. Use us to touch our community, our culture, our nation with the name of Jesus—to point many to fullness of life and joy through the Savior. In Jesus' name, Amen.