

Saturday - April 6

So Philip ran up to it (the chariot) and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.

Acts 8:30-31

I was in a pinch. My house was in disrepair and it was beginning to be a huge burden to me and causing grief for my neighbors. But I felt stuck. Who do I trust to come fix things? How do I know if I'm paying a fair price but not being taken by someone else's greed? How do I know if the assessment of what needs to be done is honest and not exaggerated?

So, I continued to do nothing in my stuck-ness. And as you would expect, nothing got better. I grew increasingly burdened and people became more frustrated with me. Then I received a notice from the city to fix things or have dire consequences. Very frightening! But understandable. Now I was not only burdened but in crisis!

So, I did the only thing I could think of. I turned to my friends at church and asked for help. And it was amazing! Even though I had created my own mess, people were willing to help. They rescued me! They helped me figure out next steps. And how I might not only make my neighbors and the city satisfied but I could also move to a new place.

And God's grace was so obvious I could hardly believe it. It was joy inducing! My friends were the Body of Christ, giving me aid when I least deserved it and loving me in spite of my mess. I felt God's love and grace through them and they guided me through this process and God's grace.

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Prayer: God of love and serving, thank you for sending people who will help us in our need. Allow me to see the needs of others and be of service to them. Amen.