

A POWER LIFE

ACTS 21:8-10

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: Grace is God's power working toward us, through us, and for us. Phillip's life and his relationship with Paul dramatically show us a grace controlled or "power life."

WITH NO GRUDGES—Paul (Saul) stood by and gave his approval while Phillip's brother in the Lord (Stephen) was stoned to death. He then began to destroy the church. The foundation of the Christian life is forgiveness of our sin made possible by Jesus' death and resurrection. Phillip demonstrated oneness in Christ and forgiveness when he extended fellowship to Paul. (**Acts 21:8, Acts 6:5, Acts 7:59-8:8, Matthew 6:9-15, fn 6:14-15, Hebrews 12:14, 15, fn 12:15, Ephesians 4:32, fn 4:32, II Corinthians 13:1-5, fn 13:5**) *Do you hold grudges? If so, what are you going to do about them?*

WITH HOSPITALITY—Hospitality is showing love, kindness, and friendship to strangers. Because of Phillip's "power life", these spiritual giants enjoyed several days together. (**Acts 21:8, 10, Romans 12:13, fn 12:13, III John 5-8, fn 5, I Peter 4:7-9, fn 4:7-9, II Corinthians 4:7, fn 4:7**) *What in your life gives evidence to your acquaintances that you live under the power of the Holy Spirit?*

WITH FAMILY—Phillip's personal relationship with Jesus was contagious. Led by the Holy Spirit (the power of grace), Phillip's daughters had faith like their father. (**Acts 21:9, fn 21:9, Acts 8:5, fn 8:5[1st], Proverbs 22:6, fn 22:6, Matthew 5:13-16, fn 5:14-16, Ephesians 6:1-4, fn 6:1-4, II Peter 1:3-9, fn 1:3, 4**) *How could your "power life" help your children to have a personal relationship with Christ?*

Pray for one another's needs.

Who in your group needs your encouragement by phone or personal attention?

