

The Holy Spirit: Where the Love of Jesus is Transforming Lives

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When they came out of the water, the Spirit guided Philip to a new place, but the man returned home rejoicing and bringing the Gospel message to Ethiopia.

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2 Corinthians 3:17-18(ESV)

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