

“Pray For Me, I Was Trippin’!”

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The Set Up: Today, we are going to discuss **“A Tale of Two Simons.”** Acts chapter 8 tells us about **Simon, the Apostle.** It also introduces us to **Simon, the Sorcerer.** One Simon was an old believer. The other Simon was a new believer. One was Simon was Jewish. The other Simon was a Samaritan. One Simon was a fisherman. The other Simon was a charlatan. One Simon was **trippin’!** The other Simon was **spittin’!** One Simon was the rebuker, and the other Simon was the rebuked. **Thankfully, both men chose to be humble.**

An Overview of the Passage:

A Couple of Questions:

1. How come some Christians don’t rebuke other Christians?
2. How come some Christians don’t ask other Christians to pray for them?

Teaching Time Part 1: Simon the Sorcerer was Trippin’! (Acts 8:9 – 19)

- **Break Out Session #1: Chat Room Discussion**

1. Simon’s current struggles as a new believer were connected to his past life before Christ. How can you relate to this?
2. Simon foolishly thought he could buy the power of God with money. What are some other things money can’t buy?

Teaching Time Part 2: Simon the Apostle was Spittin’! (Acts 8:20 – 25)

- **Break Out Session #2: Chat Room Discussion**

1. Simon Peter strongly, thoroughly, and publicly (?) rebuked Simon the Sorcerer. How do you think most Christians would respond to this kind of rebuke today?
2. After being rebuked, Simon the Sorcerer asked Simon Peter to pray for him. What does this kind of response reveal about Simon the Sorcerer?

The Wrap Up: There’s one overall lesson to be learned from both Simon’s: **Be Humble.**

- If you’re the one trippin’, **be humble.**
- If you’re the one spittin’ a rebuke, **be humble.**
- If you’re the one being rebuked, **be humble.**