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THE DIVINE ⇌ IN BETWEEN

ACTS 8:26-40

when God moves you unexpectedly

I. Philip was moved unexpectedly from a place of prominence to _____ .

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. And he rose and went. vv. 26-27a

II. Philip was moved unexpectedly to explain God's plan of _____ .

And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ... Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. vv. 27b-31, 35

⇌ KEYS TO SHARING CHRIST ⇌

1. Meet people where they are, literally and spiritually.
2. Lead with questions to understand where someone is coming from.
3. Share God's Word with people at a pace they can absorb.
4. Offer a relationship with God through Christ.
5. Don't push people to a decision or action they aren't ready for.

III. Philip was moved unexpectedly to initiate a new believer into God's _____ .

And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. vv. 36-38

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UNEXPECTED WAYS ...

Obey what you know, even if you don't know _____ .

Invest in everyone as if they are the only _____ .

Witness all the way _____ .

SERMON DEVOTIONAL STUDY

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal His truth and wisdom as you go through this lesson.

1. Read Acts 8:26-40. What would it have been like for Philip to leave a place where so many exciting things were happening to go down a lonely desert road?

2. What do you think Phillip told the eunuch that made him want to be baptized? (Refer to earlier speeches in Acts, or Isaiah 52:13—53:12.)

“THE SPIRIT’S WORK OF preparation was complete. Philip had obeyed the Spirit’s call and was in place to meet the man. The eunuch’s heart was seeking, prepared by reading the Scriptures. Despite his power and prestige, he had a vast emptiness in his soul. He made a long, arduous journey from his homeland to Jerusalem, searching for the true God. Unfortunately, given the state of contemporary Judaism, he probably went away still empty. ... The eunuch was sitting in his chariot, and was reading the prophet Isaiah. He had a desire to know God and was aware that He was to be known through the Scripture. He was indeed an eager seeker. He had no doubt paid a great price in Jerusalem for that scroll, which would have been difficult for a Gentile to acquire. Perhaps Isaiah had special meaning to him, since the book speaks encouragingly to eunuchs (Is 56:3-5). ... That God rewards the seeking heart is the clear teaching of Scripture (Jer 29:13). The eunuch lived up to the light he had. God then gave him the full revelation of Jesus Christ through Philip’s ministry.”

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A WONDERFUL OFFER

Being a Christian isn’t based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God’s love for us. Here’s how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Realize that you are sinful and separated from God. (Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
2. Recognize that the penalty for your sin is death—eternal separation from God and all that is good. (Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
3. Understand that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and that He rose again. (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior. (Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)
“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.” (John 3:16 NASB) You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:
“Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in Him alone as the only way to get right with You. Thank You for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen.”

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