

The People Submit to the Lord's Call

Acts 8:26 Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road — the desert road — that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." 27 So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians. This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, 28 and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the book of Isaiah the prophet. 29 The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it." 30 Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. 31 "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. 32 The eunuch was reading this passage of Scripture: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before the shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. 33 In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth." 34 The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" 35 Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. 36 As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. Why shouldn't I be baptized?" 38 And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. 39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. 40 Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

Lessons We Will Learn in this Series:

1. These chapters are all about the _____ of a church and it shows that for a church to be effective, everyone must be _____.
2. The effectiveness of a church is not _____ by a lack of problems but by how problems are _____.

A Tale of Two Men -- The Ethiopian Eunuch

He was a man with great _____ and _____.
Acts 8: 27 So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians.

He was a _____ in the service of the _____. (Candace)

He was _____ in Jerusalem—probably for _____.
Acts 8: 27 . . . This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship,

This means he was either:

- A _____ living in Ethiopia
- A _____ - _____ (like Cornelius in Acts 10)

-- A proselyte of the _____ (Gentile that "adopted" Judaism)

-- A _____ proselyte

Acts 6:5 and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch. (NASB)

He was _____ and was reading _____ the Septuagint.

He was reading the _____ of _____, chapter 53.

Acts 8:32 The eunuch was reading this passage of Scripture: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before the shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. 33 In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth."

But he didn't _____ what he was reading!

Acts 8:30 Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. 31 "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" . . .

1Cor. 2:14 The man without the Spirit . . . cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.

A Tale of Two Men -- Philip

He was involved in an _____ ministry in _____.

He didn't _____ God's call; he just _____.

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He was _____ to answer the eunuch's _____.

Acts 8:34 The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" 35 Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

He _____ the man _____ in Jesus Christ.

He _____ the man in his new _____.

He appeared _____, many miles away, and he continued _____ about Jesus.

Acts 8:40 Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

When We Are Submissive to God's Plan

1. Those who are seeking _____, _____ it!
2. Things work out for everyone! The eunuch went on his way _____ while Philip kept _____.
3. There are "_____ " of ministry.