



Acts 8:26-31



“It's not what you do – it's what you set in motion that counts.”

1. _____

Acts 8:26-27 “An angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get ready and go south to the road that leads down to Gaza from Jerusalem -- the desert road.' So Philip got ready and went.” (NIV)

Psalms 37:23 “The steps of the godly are directed by the LORD. He delights in every detail of their lives.” (NLT)

2. _____ – BUT LOST

Acts 8:27-28 “On the road he saw a man from Ethiopia, a eunuch. He was an important officer in the service of Candace, the queen of the Ethiopians; he was responsible for taking care of all her money. He had gone to Jerusalem to worship. Now, as he was on his way home, he was sitting in his chariot reading from the Book of Isaiah, the prophet.” (NIV)

Matthew 19:11-12 Jesus replied, 'For some are eunuchs because they were born that way; others were made that way by men; and others have renounced marriage because of the kingdom of heaven. The one who can accept this should accept it.'” (NIV)

Acts 8:32-33 “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. In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth.'” (NIV)

Acts 8:39 “When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of God suddenly took Philip off, and that was the last the eunuch saw of him. But he didn't mind. He had what he'd come for and went on down the road as happy as he could be.” (Message)

1 Peter 1:8 “You never saw him, yet you love him. You still don't see him, yet you trust him - with laughter and singing.” (Message)

3. _____

Psalms 68:31 “Envoys will come out of Egypt; Ethiopia will quickly stretch out her hands to God.” (KJV)

One life touching another life - that touches another life - and long after we are dead and gone, the ripples will still be going strong.

1-Directed
2-Sincere
3-Cyclical



Remember, do it to grow, not to get done.

Prime The Pump

Choose one or both or these to discuss:



1. Talk about some specific ways in the past that you have been directed by God to do things. i.e. hearing the still small voice of God, obeying it and seeing positive results.



2. Name one thing that you want to be remembered for after you're gone.

2a. What are you doing today to make sure that memory is vivid?

The Main Point

There are many, many people who are religious to some extent. They have some form of godliness or hold to some belief system. Like the Ethiopian eunuch, they may just need a little direction so as to point them in the right way. If you came across a person reading the following Scripture, what would you offer as explanation for the passage if they asked you the same question the eunuch asked Philip: *Who is the prophet talking about? Himself or someone else?*

Zechariah 12:10

In what ways have you sensed a Divine call in your life? Have you ever turned your back on what you thought was a call? Has that door closed or is it possible to look into it again?

Who did you come in contact this week whom you did not expect to? Perhaps it was God arranging an opportunity for you.

Pray about a way to follow up with that contact. Maybe no prayer is needed. Maybe it is obvious what your next step should be. Pray together as a group for these opportunities and people, and how God may want to use you this coming week.

Are you aware of anyone in particular that you know God was directing you toward? I find it refreshing that after the Spirit said to Philip, (Acts 8:29) "Go up and join his chariot", that verse 30 describes Philip as running up to the chariot! Once he knew he heard from God, he sprinted into action!

May we be so eager.

Pray for this kind of eagerness and willingness to be a widespread characteristic of this congregation...

FURTHER READING (Scripture for Daily Reading)

Day 1 **Numbers 16**

Day 2 **John 11**

Day 3 **Psalms 43**

Day 4 **Numbers 17**

Day 5 **Psalms 44**

Day 6 **Numbers 18**