
'Be Ready'
Acts 8:4-5, 12, 26-38 ESV

⁴ Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word. ⁵ Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ.

¹² But when they believed Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

²⁶ 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. ²⁷ And he rose and went. 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 ²⁸ and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." ³⁰ So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹ And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³² Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he opens not his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴ And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ 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?" ³⁸ And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him.

1) The **preparation** of the witnesser (*our responsibility*)

a. We're already **active** serving/sharing **v4-5**

b. We're acutely **attentive** to God's voice/promptings **v26**

c. We adjust our calendars/comforts to be **available** **v27a**

2) The **promptings** displayed by the witnessee (*the one whom God is drawing and to whom He draws us*)

a. They display an **interest** in spiritual things **v27b-29**

b. They declare an **ignorance** of the Bible **v30-31**

c. They desire **insight** and biblical understanding **v34**

3) The **power** of the witness (*the results depend on God*) – *We depend on Him and each gospel discussion must be:*

a. **Bible** - based **v32-33**

b. **Christ** - centered **v35**

c. **Faith** - focused **v36-38**

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