

Series "The Acts Of God"
"In Touch With God"
Acts 8:26-40
Study-15

The Holy Spirit actually can guide our thoughts and that obedience can unleash His power to do what is guided.

1. Verses 26-29 – In Touch With The Holy Spirit

2. Verses 30-31 – In Touch With People

3. Verses 32-40 – In Touch With The Gospel

1. Verses 26-29 – In Touch With The Holy Spirit:

Acts 8:26

Philip – was one of the first lay-helpers (7 Chosen) of the early church. (Acts 6:5), called "the evangelist" Acts 21:8

Philip Was Sensitive To The Voice of God: "angel of the Lord spoke to Philip saying",

Acts 1:11; Acts 5:19; Heb 1:14

What is the context of God's command to Philip?

Acts 8:1

Acts 8-12 Witness to Judea and Samaria – and in all Judea and Samaria,

Acts 8:4-8

Acts 8:12

Acts 8:26

Gaza – This was 80 miles southwest from the city of Samaria. This was originally a fortress city on the road to Egypt.

Isa 55:8

Acts 8:27

Philip was Obedient to the Lord: "And he arose and went";

Abraham obeyed God, Gen 22:3

He Was Probably a Gentile – Ethiopian eunuch – Northeastern Africa on the upper Nile River; now the Sudan and modern Ethiopia.

The Gospel Is For All Men: Gal 3:28

He Was a High Ranking Official – a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure;

The Gospel is for all levels of Humanity –

He Was a Religious Man – “and he had come to Jerusalem to worship.”

Acts 8:28

He Was an Inquiring Man – “reading the prophet Isaiah.”

John 5:39

Acts 8:29

2. Verses 30-31 – In Touch With People:

Acts 8:30

Philip Was Eager To Obey and Share God: “And when Philip had run up,”

Isa 6:8

Philip takes the direct approach to witness: "Do you understand what you are reading?" Good question.

Acts 8:31

The Man Was Humble And Honest: "Well, how could I, unless someone guides me?"

Job 11:7

Romans 10:17

He Was A Teachable Man – “And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.”

Isaiah 53:7-8 – The Suffering Servant

3. Verses 32-40 – In Touch With The Gospel:

Acts 8:32-34

Philip's Reliance Upon The Scriptures: Acts 8:35

1 Peter 3:15

Notice 4 Actions of Philip that we can learn from:

1. Philip Opened His Mouth – "And Philip opened his mouth,"

Psalm 107:2

2. Philip Begins – "and beginning"

3. Philip Began In The Scripture – "from this Scripture"

4. Philip Preached Jesus Christ – "he preached Jesus to him."

Acts 8:36-37

Philip Seeks A Decision: "If you believe with all your heart, you may."

"Saved by Believing, Manifested by Confession, and Testified to by Baptism."

Acts 8:38-39

"the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away"; The word snatched – Greek word Harpazo; Latin word Rapture – "caught up", "taken by force"; used 11X in the NT. 2 Cor 12:2; 1 Thess 4:17.

Acts 8:40

Ashdod is 20 miles north of Gaza.

"until he came to Caesarea."; We find him there 20 years later. Acts 21:8-9

Application:

1. We Must Daily Yield to The Holy Spirit's Guidance:

2. We Must Proclaim the All-Inclusive Gospel:

Mark 16:15

3. We Must Love People With God's Love: