



# COURAGEOUS FAITH

THE BOOK OF ACTS

Bible study for the week starting October 9, 2022

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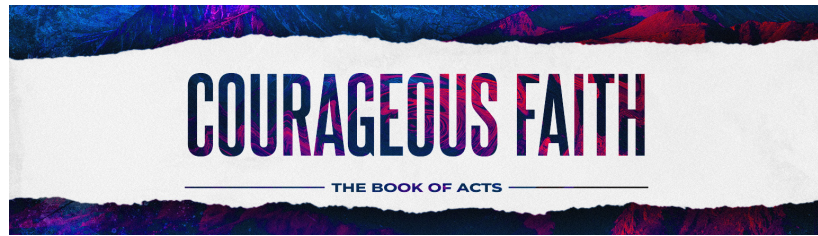
1. Existential nihilism is the philosophical construct that all life is simply an accident – without purpose or meaning. What are the implications of such a worldview? How would you contrast a Christian worldview? Try to articulate it in a simple way.

## READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

2. Read **Acts 8:26-40**. Philip moves on from his interaction with Simon the Sorcerer and the other Samaritans. How did he know where to go and what to do next? Would your life be easier or more difficult if you had this sort of direction?
3. Read **Isaiah 53:1-12**. This is the Scripture the Ethiopian man was reading in the chariot, which Philip helped explain. Spend a little time with this text; how do you see Jesus in this prophecy from six centuries earlier?
4. Read **Luke 14:12-24**. Jesus tells a parable about a banquet where the invitees all had excuses, so the guest list changed. What's the lesson from this story, and who do the different groups represent? How does this apply to our reading from Acts.
5. Spend the rest of your time in Isaiah, pretending you're an Ethiopian eunuch in a Bible study with Philip. What do you see in Isaiah 54? Chapter 55? Chapter 56 (maybe especially verses 3 to 5)?
6. The question is simple: "God, what do you have for me today?" If you realize the power of human interactions, what opportunities might God have in store for you?

## PRAY

7. Pray that God would direct you to the people and places that need to hear the Good News about Jesus!



## Courageous Faith: Divine Appointments

Acts 8:26-40

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There is nothing that is ACCIDENTAL.

Every element of every day carries MEANING and SIGNIFICANCE.

God has a few ways of speaking to people:

- ANGELS
- PROPHETS
- DIRECT revelation
- The BIBLE

Philip ROSE and WENT.

“How can I, unless someone GUIDES me?”

“...To the EUNUCHS who keep my Sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast to my covenant, I will give in my house and within my walls a monument and a name better than sons or daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that will not be CUT OFF.” -Isaiah 56:4-5

God, what do you have for me TODAY?

*For next week, read Acts 9:1-22*