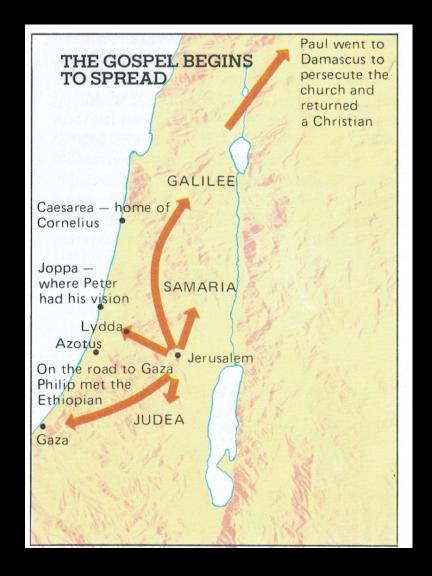


Sharing Jesus from Acts chapter 8

"Therefore, those who had been scattered went about preaching the word. And Philip went down to the city of Samaria and began proclaiming Christ to them."

Acts 8:4-5



The First Characteristic of an Unstoppable Witness.

They proclaimed Christ while under the threat of persecution.

James White, The Rise of the Nones:

"Countless leaders and members of churches have given in to a Christian consumerism. They embrace a mentality that gives ample rhetorical support to evangelistic intent but resists violently at the point of implementation because- at the point of actually doing it- it costs them."



James White, The Rise of the Nones:

"So can we change? Sure. But only when we look in the mirror and own the truth about our consumerism: we say we want them in heaven- but we act like they can go to hell."

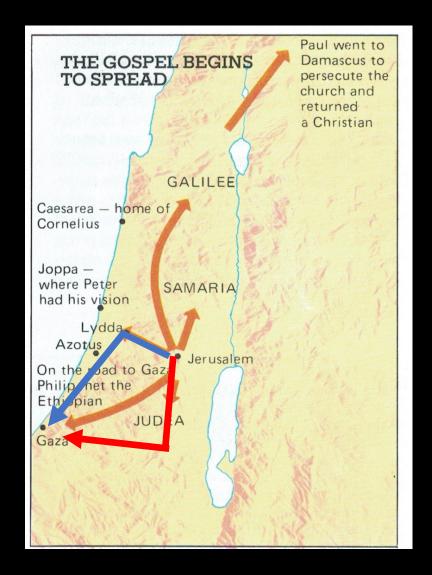
"And the multitudes with one accord were giving attention to what was said by Philip, as they heard and saw the signs he was performing. For in the case of many who had unclean spirits, they were coming out of them shouting with a loud voice; and many who had been paralyzed and lame were healed. And there was much rejoicing in that city." Acts 8:6-8

The second Characteristic of an Unstoppable Witness.

Philip preached the gospel and confronted Satan's opposition by the power of the Holy Spirit.



"But an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip saying, 'Arise and go south to the road that descends from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is the desert road.) And he arose and went; and behold, there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure; and he had come to Jerusalem to worship." Acts 8:26-27



The Third Characteristic of an Unstoppable Witness.

Philip obeyed God's call to go.



"And he was returning and sitting in his chariot, and was reading the prophet Isaiah. And the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go up and join this chariot.' And when Philip had run up, he heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and said, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' And he said, 'Well, how could I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him."

Acts 8:28-31

"Now the passage of Scripture which he was reading was this:

'HE WAS LED AS A SHEEP TO SLAUGHTER; AND AS A LAMB BEFORE ITS SHEARER IS SILENT, SO HE DOES NOT OPEN HIS MOUTH. IN HUMILIATION HIS JUDGMENT WAS TAKEN AWAY; WHO SHALL RELATE HIS GENERATION? FOR HIS LIFE IS REMOVED FROM THE EARTH." Acts 8:32-33

"And the eunuch answered Philip and said,

'Please tell me, of whom does the prophet say this? Of himself, or of someone else?' And Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him."

Acts 8:34-35

The Fourth Characteristic of an Unstoppable Witness.

Philip used the Scriptures to preach Jesus.



'HE WAS LED AS A SHEEP TO SLAUGHTER; AND AS A LAMB BEFORE ITS SHEARER IS SILENT, SO HE DOES NOT OPEN HIS MOUTH. IN HUMILIATION HIS JUDGMENT WAS TAKEN AWAY; WHO SHALL RELATE **HIS GENERATION? FOR HIS LIFE IS** REMOVED FROM THE EARTH." LXX Isaiah 53:7-8 Who is HE?

"Behold, My servant will prosper, He will be high and lifted up, and greatly exalted.." Isaiah 52:13

"Listen to me, O Jacob, even Israel whom I called; I am He, I am the first, I am also the last." Isaiah 48:12

"Come near to Me, listen to this; from the first I have not spoken in secret, from the time it took place I was there. And now the Lord God has sent Me and His Spirit." Isaiah 48:16

Me = Lord God

"Listen to Me, O islands, and pay attention you peoples from afar. The Lord called Me from the womb; from the body of My mother He named Me." Isaiah 49:1

What is **His** Name?

"Listen to Me, O islands, and pay attention you peoples from afar. The Lord called Me from the womb; from the body of My mother He named Me." Isaiah 49:1

What is **His** Name?

"And she will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins." Matt. 1:21



"And now says the Lord, who formed Me from the womb to be His servant." Isaiah 49:5

Who is **He**? (Isaiah 53:7-8)

My servant (Isaiah 52:13) The Lord God sent Me (Isaiah 48:16) Called Me from the womb (Isaiah 49:1) Named Me (Jesus) (Isaiah 49:1, Matt. 1:21) The Servant of the Lord (Isaiah 49:5)

UNSTOPPABLE

- Ethiopian eunuch receives Christ and is baptized
- Philip continues on to Azotus to preach
- Ethiopian eunuch joyfully continues home to Africa with his Isaiah scroll and likely spread the good news of Jesus there

Four Characteristics of an Unstoppable Witness

- 1. Proclaim Christ in any situation-be bold
- 2. Proclaim Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit- expect opposition from the evil one
- 3. Obey God's call to go-let God mess with your schedule
- 4. Be prepared to share Christ from the Scriptures

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