

IN RHYTHM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Acts 8:26-39 (ESV)

*“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever,<sup>17</sup> even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.<sup>18</sup> I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.<sup>19</sup> Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.”*

John 14:16-19 (ESV)

*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.<sup>27</sup> And he rose and went.*

Acts 8:26-27a (ESV)

- The Holy Spirit’s rhythm for my life is always in PERFECT TIMING.

*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<sup>28</sup> and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah.<sup>29</sup> And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.”*

Acts 8:27-29 (ESV)

- When I walk in rhythm with the Holy Spirit, I notice His SOVEREIGN OPPORTUNITIES around me.

*So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?”<sup>31</sup> And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.*

Acts 8:30-31 (ESV)

*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.<sup>33</sup> In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.”<sup>34</sup> And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?”<sup>35</sup> Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus.*

Acts 8:32-35 (ESV)

*Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?<sup>2</sup> For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him.<sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.<sup>4</sup> Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.<sup>5</sup> But he was*

*pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. <sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. <sup>7</sup> He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. <sup>8</sup> By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? <sup>9</sup> And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.*

Isaiah 53:1-9 (ESV)

- When I walk in rhythm with the Holy Spirit, He aligns my life in rhythm with those that NEED HIM.

*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?" <sup>38</sup> And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. <sup>39</sup> And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.*

Acts 8:36-39 (ESV)

- When I walk in rhythm with the Holy Spirit, lives around me ARE CHANGED.
- Whose BEAT is my life in rhythm to?