



TRANSFORMING TRUTH

Trends deceive. Traditions enslave. God's Truth transforms.

When the Spirit Leads

From the Series,
"MiraculoUS"

Acts 8:26-40
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1. The Holy Spirit Prepared For The Seeker (26-28)

- a. He readied Philip (26-27a) - "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.) 27a And he rose and went..."
- b. He was stirring in the official (27b) - "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."

As a eunuch and a non-Hebrew he would have been denied full access to temple worship. His disappointment would become God's divine appointment.

- c. He was drawing him through the Word (28) - "...and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah."

2. The Holy Spirit Provided The Servant (29-35)

- a. A discerning, obedient heart (29-30) - "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?"
- b. A humble, open attitude (31-33) - "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."

- c. A prepared, willing messenger (34 - 35) - "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."

3. The Holy Spirit Perfected The Circumstances (36-38)

- a. Supply in the desert (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?"
- b. Surrender in the desert (38) - "And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him."

4. The Holy Spirit Produced The Celebration (39-40)

- a. A supernatural evacuation (39a) - "And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more..."

This same supernatural act happened to 3 OT men: Enoch, Ezekiel & Elijah

- b. A shameless demonstration (39b) - "...and went on his way rejoicing."
- c. C. A sustained proclamation (40) - "Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea."