

I. A Christian With An Assignment (26-27a)

A. An influential life (vs. 5-8) - **God had been using Phillip in Samaria - preaching, healings, deliverance, signs & wonders**

B. An interrupted life (26) - "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."

C. An inspirational life (27a) - "And he rose and went." **Philip obeyed without question, explanation or hesitation**

II. An Unbeliever With A Challenge (27b-28)

A. This man had impressive authority (27b) - "And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure."

B. This man had spiritual curiosity (27c) - "...He had come to Jerusalem to worship..."

C. This man had cultural inferiority - **He was a Gentile, a eunuch, an outcast from Judaism who was leaving Jerusalem without the answers he came looking for.**

D. This man had Kingdom possibilities (28) - "...and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah."

III. A Servant With Discernment (29-30) **** Supported with Hebrews 12:1 - "...lay aside every weight and the sin..."**

A. Phillip discerned Holy Spirit's voice (29) - "And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot."

B. Phillip was quick to obey (30a) - "So Phillip ran to him..."

C. Phillip was sensitive where to connect (30b) - "...and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

IV. A Seeker With No Answers (31-40)

A. His relational need was for someone to help him (31) - And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Phillip to come up and sit with him."

B. His intellectual need was for the Scripture to be explained (32-34) - "And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?"

C. His spiritual need was for Jesus to be presented (35) - "Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture, he told him the good news about Jesus."

D. His compelling need was to pledge his allegiance (36-39) - "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?" 38 And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. 39 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. 40 But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea."