

NOTES: On the Road | Philip
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“But Saul began ravaging the church, entering house after house, and dragging off men and women, he would put them in prison. Therefore, those who had been scattered went about preaching the word. Philip went down to the city of Samaria and began proclaiming Christ to them.” (Acts 8:3–5, NASB95)

Philip has been busy!

Philip’s ministry to the Samaritans:

*“But when they believed Philip preaching the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were being baptized, men and women alike. Even Simon himself believed; and after being baptized, he continued on with Philip, and as he observed signs and great miracles taking place, he was constantly amazed. Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. For He had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they began laying their hands on them, and they were receiving the Holy Spirit. Now when Simon **saw** that the Spirit was bestowed through the laying on of the apostles’ hands, he offered them money, saying, “Give this authority to me as well, so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit.”” (Acts 8:12–19, NASB95)*

Philip then went to Azotus and continued traveling through other cities until he reached Caesarea. He was busy.

- In John, Phillip is called and then brings Nathanael to Jesus.
- He was there at the feeding of the 5000.
- Philip was bringing Gentiles to Jesus (John 21).
- He asks Jesus in John 14:8-13 “Show us the Father”.
- Philip was a Deacon chosen in Acts 6, full of wisdom, Holy Spirit, full of faith.
- He spends time with Paul in Acts 21:8 (Twenty years later)
- He is described as an Evangelist Acts 21:8

Acts 8:26-40 NASB

1. The Spirit of God directs us.

- The Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.
- *“For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.” (Romans 8:14, NASB95)*
- *““But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.” (John 16:13, NASB95)*

2. Obedience always brings God's grace and blessings to us so we can glorify Him.

- One way the Kingdom of God comes on the earth is God's people being obedient.
- God has directed us/you and you have yet to be obedient.
- We are to pray for God's Kingdom to come, but God's people are usually the ones that are in the way.
- We can have a deceptive belief that obedience is optional.

3. He proclaimed Jesus.

- *"Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him."* (Acts 8:35, NASB95)
 - *"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel."* (Isaiah 7:14, NASB95)
 - *"For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace."* (Isaiah 9:6, NASB95)
 - *"Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, and a branch from his roots will bear fruit."* (Isaiah 11:1, NASB95)

I bet he shared how Jesus said..

- **"I am the bread of life"** (John 6:35, 48, 51)
- **"I am the light of the world"** (John 8:12)
- **"I am the door of the sheep"** (John 10:7, 9)
- **"I am the good shepherd"** (John 10:11, 14)
- **"I am the resurrection and the life"** (John 11:25)
- **"I am the way, the truth, and the life"** (John 14:6)
- **"I am the true vine"** (John 15:1, 5)

What is the Spirit of God saying to you?

Read the Word; take time to listen.

Have you obeyed?

Are you talking about Jesus?