

Southside Baptist Church
Sunday Morning – 8-2-26
Christianity 103 – Message 8 Part 5
Philip responding to the leading of the Spirit.

1. Introduction:

a. Taking a look back:

- 1) We looked at some reasons why the Holy Spirit did not come upon the Samaritan believers immediately when Philip preached.
- 2) We encountered Simon the sorcerer in this story and sought to discern what Luke recorded about him.
- 3) As we wrapped up Simon, we looked at II Corinthians 13:5 where Paul challenged the Corinthians church to, “Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith...”
 - a) “Examine yourselves” – “it is yourselves that you must test.”
 - b) “whether ye be in the faith” – are you living the life of faith.
 - c) “prove your own selves” – test, examine, prove, scrutinize.
 - d) “Know ye not your own selves” – do you recognize Jesus in you?
 - e) “how that Jesus Christ is in you” – do we recognize ourselves as someone in whom Jesus Christ is present.
 - f) “except ye be reprobrates” – that which does not prove itself to be such as it ought.

b. Taking a look ahead:

- 1) We move from ministry in Samaria to a one-on-one situation in the desert.
- 2) Philip surrendered once again to “GO.”
- 3) The text suggests that we have a servant who recognizes that servants go wherever and to whoever their Master sends them.
- 4) Verse 25 – a testimony to what God was doing in and through His servants.

2. GO south Philip. Acts 8:26-34

a. Verse 26 –

- 1) Philip leaves Samaria to travel on a wilderness road heading toward Gaza.
- 2) Do you like this word, “GO?”
 - a) For some believers, it is not unfamiliar, just irritating.
 - b) Going does require understanding why you are going, preparation for going and then follow through to go.

b. Verse 27-28 –

- 1) Philip is headed toward one man.
- 2) This “man of Ethiopia” came to Jerusalem to worship.
 - a) This man travelled over 1,000 miles to do something about his spiritual life.
- 3) Take note of what he was doing after leaving Jerusalem.
- 4) What does this Ethiopian eunuch teach us?
 - a) When someone is seeking truth, it is important to have someone come alongside and help.

c. Verse 29-30 –

- 1) I like his obedience and boldness here.
- 2) The Spirit said, “GO,” and Philip walked up to this man.
- 3) Philip trusted the Lord to provide what he needed to help this man.
- 4) Application – are you ready to share? Can you share the Gospel?

d. Verse 31 –

- 1) The eunuch confirms a need.
 - a) “How can I, except some man should guide me?”

- b) Do you think he is alone in thinking that way?
- 2) Isaiah 53 is the passage the eunuch is reading.
 - a) Specifically verses 7-8.
- 3) Remember the innocent animal who died to cover Adam and Eve's sin?
 - a) John 6:44 comes into play here and it is important.
- 4) An important side note here.
 - a) Why is the phrasing a little different between Acts 8:32-33 and Isaiah 53:7-8?
- 3. Philip was ready, are we? Acts 8:35
 - a. Verse 35 –
 - 1) Jesus is always a good starting point.
 - 2) Philip began where this man was at and shared the Gospel with him.
- 4. Today's Takeaway:
 - a. While there are many here this morning who have trusted Christ as Savior, what if someone listening is not certain if they understand what Jesus has done for them, like the Eunuch. What should they do?
 - b. Could you see yourself engaging with someone with the Gospel?
 - c. Great Commission, not the great suggestion.