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COURAGEOUS  
CONVERSATIONS



## Acts 8:26-40

**26** Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." **27** So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means "queen of the Ethiopians"). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, **28** and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. **29** The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."

God invites us to be a part of his work to encounter those around us...

but how will we respond?



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**30** Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. **31** "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. **32** This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. **33** In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth." **34** The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" **35** Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

Helping people encounter God starts with having courageous conversations





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We won't know how open someone is to God unless we step in to have courageous conversations

If we don't have courageous conversations, we won't be able to help those around us encounter God

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# EASTER

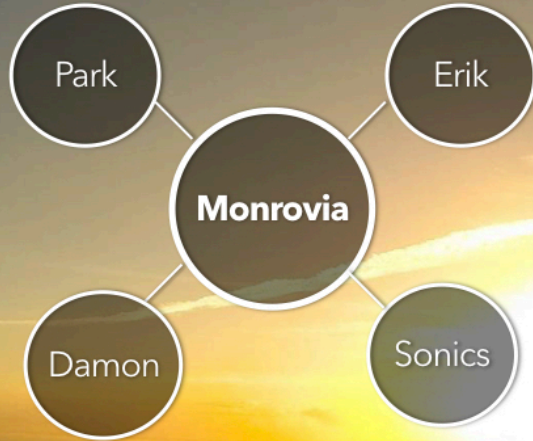
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# PRAYER MAP



# RESPONSE

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Are there ways I'm needing to encounter God today?

How can I practically look for opportunities to have courageous conversations this week?

How can I be a Philip for those on my prayer map?

# PRACTICAL

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Can I pray for you to have opportunities this week to have courageous conversations that help those around you begin to encounter God?