

## **“GOD DOES AMAZING THINGS THROUGH AVAILABLE PEOPLE”**

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Acts 8:25-40 (NASB)

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### **1. GOD WORKS IN UNEXPECTED WAYS.**

<sup>25</sup>So, when they had solemnly testified and spoken the word of the Lord, they started back to Jerusalem, and were preaching the gospel to many villages of the Samaritans.<sup>26</sup>But an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip saying, **“Get up and go south to the road that descends from Jerusalem to Gaza.”** (This is a desert *road*.) <sup>27</sup>So he got up and went; and there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure; and **he had come to Jerusalem to worship**, <sup>28</sup>and he was returning and sitting in his chariot, and **was reading the prophet Isaiah**. <sup>29</sup>Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go up and join this chariot.” <sup>30</sup>Philip ran up and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and said, “Do you understand what you are reading?” <sup>31</sup>And he said, “Well, how could I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.<sup>32</sup>Now the passage of Scripture which he was reading was this: “He was led as a sheep to slaughter; And as a lamb before its shearer is silent, So He does not open His mouth.

### **2. GOD WORKS THROUGH READY FOLLOWERS.**

<sup>33</sup>“In humiliation His judgment was taken away; Who will relate His generation? For His life is removed from the earth.”<sup>34</sup>The eunuch answered Philip and said, “Please *tell me*, of whom does the prophet say this? Of himself or of someone else?” <sup>35</sup>Then Philip **opened his mouth**, and **beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him**. <sup>36</sup>As they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch <sup>\*</sup>said, “Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?” <sup>37</sup>[And Philip said, **“If you believe with all your heart**, you may.” And he answered and said, **“I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”**] <sup>38</sup>And he ordered the chariot to stop; and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch, and **he baptized him**.<sup>39</sup>When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; and the eunuch no longer saw him, but went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he kept preaching the gospel to all the cities until he came to Caesarea.