

# My Readiness Can Make a Difference

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### Acts 8:26-38 - The Story of Philip & the Ethiopian

**Key Principle:** God uses **ME** most often when I'm **READY** to be used!

#### Three Steps to Being Ready to Make a Difference:

1. Be **WHERE** God wants me to be (*Physical Readiness*)

Acts 8:29

2. Be **AWARE** of who God wants me to invest in (Spiritual Readiness)

Acts 8:30

What to be aware of...

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Under <u><b>TENSION</b></u>	Not <b>DOING WELL</b>						
In <b>TRANSITION</b>	Not <b>FROM AROUND HERE</b>						
In <b>TROUBLE</b>	Not <b>PREPARED FOR WHAT IS NEXT</b>						
	Not IN CHURCH						

3. Be **READY** to share my faith at any time (Intellectual Readiness)

Acts 8:35

## Ways to be ready to share my faith at any time:

- My Story
- The Bridge John 5:25
- Do vs. Done Ephesians 2:8-9
- The Morality Ladder Romans 3:22
- 3 Circles
- My <u>INVITATION</u> Colossians 4:5-6







#### **Resources:**

- More help on writing your story
- Gospel Presentation Videos

### **Memory Verse**

Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity.

Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the

right response for everyone.

Colossians 4:5-6 NLT

#### **My Next Steps:**

- o I'll memorize Colossians 4:5-6.
- o Today for the first time, I'll choose to follow Jesus!
- o I'll take the #MyStoryChallenge post a video of my story on my favorite Social Media.
- o I'll commit to Pray, Invest, Invite in 2021!
- o I'll participate in the next START HERE.

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I \_\_\_\_\_\_, as a follower of Jesus Christ, I desire to be used by God, to make an eternal difference in the lives of the people He has uniquely positioned me closest to.

By God's grace and with His help, I will make it a priority to pray for individuals who don't know Jesus, invest my personal resources in building relationships for the purpose of sharing Christ and buy up the opportunities God provides to show and share the gospel with others.