

Title: Embrace the Eight

Text: Acts 8:26-40

Target: A life ignited by the Holy Spirit will be used by God to point other people to Jesus.

- I. **A Prompting to Pivot:** *“Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place.”* (Vs. 26)
 - A. **To a Place:** *“a desert place.”*
 - B. **For a Person:** *“And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure.”* (Vs. 27a)

- II. **A Pursuit of Priority:** *“He had come to Jerusalem to worship”* (Vs. 27b) *and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah.”* (Vs. 28)
 - A. **Sensitivity to the Spirit:** *And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.”* (Vs. 29)
 - B. **Outlook on Opportunity:** *“So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?”* (Vs. 30)
 - C. **Importance of Invitation:** *“And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” “And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.”* (Vs.31)

- III. **A Promise of Provision:** *“Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus.”* (Vs. 35)
 - A. **Through Sacrifice:** (Vs. 32-23 is an excerpt from Is. 53:7-8)
 - B. **By Substitution:** *“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.”* (Isaiah 53:6)
 - C. **For Salvation:** *“he bore the sin of many and makes intercession for the transgressors.”* (Isaiah 53:12)

- IV. **A Profession of Possession:** *“And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?”* (Vs. 36)
 - A. **A Statement:** *“commanded the chariot to stop”* (Vs. 38)
 - B. **A Satisfaction:** *“And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.”* (Vs. 39)

Takeaway: Not your job to save people, but it is our responsibility to share Jesus with people.