

EXCEPT SOME MAN SHOULD GUIDE ME ACTS 8:26-40

Text: Acts 8:31

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³¹ And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me?
And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.

Introduction:

As the persecution became more intense upon the church at Jerusalem, the Christians began to be scattered throughout the known world of the first century. Philip had gone to Samaria, and the Lord blessed his ministry there. After God used him in Samaria, we read that he was called to serve the Lord in a desert place.

1. THE CALL OF PHILIP (VS. 26-30)

A. God called a man

The calling of God on our lives is for us to follow His Son.

B. God directed him to the desert

When something good happens in the desert, God gets the glory for it.

Gaza was one of five Philistine cities. It was a rough and needy place.

C. Philip obeyed

Philip was not only a faithful preacher, but a concerned soulwinner.

2. THE CONCERN OF GOD (VS. 27-30)

A. God's concern for the lost

B. God's concern for the seeker

3. THE CONVERSION OF THE ETHIOPIAN (VS. 31-40)

A. He read about Christ – Isaiah 53:4-6

B. He heard about Christ

Romans 10:17

¹⁷ So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

C. He received Christ

He was saved and then baptized.

That is the Biblical pattern.

Close:

In this story we learn that God always has a purpose in His callings. From a human standpoint it made little sense to leave a great revival and go into the desert, yet it was in the desert where Philip met this man.