

## Notes - Book of Acts Study, Part 36 – Wednesday, October 14, 2020

Acts 8:26-31

<sup>26</sup> Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” <sup>27</sup> 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, <sup>28</sup> and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. <sup>29</sup> The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.”

<sup>30</sup> Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked.

<sup>31</sup> “How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

Acts 6:5-6

<sup>5</sup> ...They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. <sup>6</sup> They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

Acts 8:5

<sup>5</sup> Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah there.

*God can use anyone for His purposes.*

Ecclesiastes 3:1

<sup>1</sup> There is a time for everything,  
and a season for every activity under the heavens:

*When God closes a season, it is not an indictment. It is a signal of a new season.*

1 Kings 17:1-9

<sup>1</sup> Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word.”

<sup>2</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah: <sup>3</sup> “Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. <sup>4</sup> You will drink from the brook, and I have directed the ravens to supply you with food there.”

<sup>5</sup> So he did what the LORD had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there. <sup>6</sup> The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.

<sup>7</sup> Some time later the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land. <sup>8</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to him: <sup>9</sup> “Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food.”

*God is always doing something new.*

*Philip could've said 'no'.*

Acts 8:12-13

<sup>12</sup> But when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. <sup>13</sup> Simon himself believed and was baptized. And he followed Philip everywhere, astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw.

*Obedience is key to God's blessing.*

Deuteronomy 5:32-33

<sup>32</sup> So be careful to do what the LORD your God has commanded you; do not turn aside to the right or to the left. <sup>33</sup> Walk in obedience to all that the LORD your God has commanded you, so that you may live and prosper and prolong your days in the land that you will possess.

*God loves to lead His people into new things.*

*We partner with God through belief and obedience.*

John 10:27

<sup>27</sup> My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

*It is impossible to follow Jesus without obedience*

John 14:15

<sup>15</sup> *“If you love me, keep my commands.*

*Obedience is a choice*

*God didn't give Philip all the details up front.*

Proverbs 16:9

<sup>9</sup> *In their hearts humans plan their course,  
but the LORD establishes their steps.*

Proverbs 20:24

<sup>24</sup> *A person's steps are directed by the LORD.  
How then can anyone understand their own way?*

*God wants us to be dependent on Him and trust Him.*

Genesis 12:1

<sup>1</sup> *The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.*

Joshua 3:1-4

<sup>1</sup> *Early in the morning Joshua and all the Israelites set out from Shittim and went to the Jordan, where they camped before crossing over. <sup>2</sup>After three days the officers went throughout the camp, <sup>3</sup>giving orders to the people: “When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the Levitical priests carrying it, you are to move out from your positions and follow it. <sup>4</sup>Then you will know which way to go, since you have never been this way before.*

Isaiah 30:21

<sup>21</sup> *Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, “This is the way; walk in it.”*

*When we position ourselves in obedience, God will direct our next steps towards victory!*

*If God told us ahead of time where we'd be in the future...what it would cost to get there...how much we'd change in the process...we'd either run for the hills or try to control it!*