



It's Your Move!  
Acts 8:4-8, 26-40

The events in Acts 8 center around 4 men

- Saul
- Philip
- Simon
- an Ethiopian

Acts 8:4-8 (NKJV)

Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word. Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed. And there was great joy in that city.

Characteristics of Philip

- A chosen Deacon
- Grew in his ministry
- Chosen
- Preacher - messenger
- Miracle worker
- Effective evangelist
- Bridge builder

Acts 8:26-40 (NKJV)

Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert. So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near and overtake this chariot." So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?" And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him. The place in the Scripture which he read was this: "He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; And as a lamb before its shearer is silent, So He opened not His mouth. In His humiliation His justice was taken away, And who will declare His generation? For His life is taken from the earth." So the eunuch answered Philip and said, "I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?" Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him. Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?" Then 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." So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him. Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing. But Philip was found at Azotus. And passing through, he preached in all the cities till he came to Caesarea.

## **What Can We Learn from Philip and His Encounter with the Ethiopian?**

### **1. The Prompting (v. 26, 29)**

- The Angel
- The Holy Spirit

### **2. The Observation (vs. 28)**

- The Ethiopian sitting
- The Ethiopian reading aloud

### **3. The Obedience (vs. 30)**

- Philip ran to the chariot

### **4. The Engagement (v. 30 - 34)**

- Philip asks a question
- The Ethiopian answers with questions of his own

### **5. The Gospel Conversation (vs. 35)**

- Philip tells the good news of Jesus

### **6. The Decision (vs. 37 in some translations)**

- The Ethiopian believes

### **7. The Evidence (v. 36-39)**

- The Ethiopian is baptized

### **8. The Departure (vs. 39)**

- The Holy Spirit moves Philip on

### **9. The Rejoicing (vs. 39)**

- The Ethiopian went on his way rejoicing

### **10. The Gospel is Spread (vs. 40)**

- Philip moves on to preach the Gospel in other towns

### **It's Your Move!**

- The Holy Spirit could be prompting you to someone
- Observe from a distance and pray
- Obey the Holy Spirit and go up to the person
- Engage the person in conversation
- Transition into Gospel conversation – tell them about Jesus
- Provide an opportunity for a decision
- Lead them to be baptized as evidence of their new relationship
- Connect them with a local church
- Move on to the next divine appointment

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Because we have more Ethiopians who need to hear, believe and trust Jesus.*



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