

## DOING WHAT JESUS TELLS US TO DO May 10, 2020

### **Read Acts 8:26-36 (see next page if you do not have a Bible)**

So here was Philip, one of the Disciples who had followed Jesus, sat at His feet and was taught about God's love by Jesus. He saw the resurrected Jesus after Jesus had been crucified and buried. So when Jesus (our Lord) sent His angel to tell Philip to go, he went. He did not say "Hey angel, I promised my friends to play with them, so maybe I'll go tomorrow". NO! He went, right away. He knew that whatever Jesus told him to do, it was the MOST IMPORTANT thing he was to do, right away.

The man from Ethiopia (the eunuch) was reading the scriptures and wondering about them. But he was confused. Just like when you read the Bible, sometimes you don't understand it. You ask your parents, relatives or a teacher to explain it to you. There is so much to learn about God and what Jesus did for us that it takes time. And we are so grateful we have other people in our life to help us.

So Jesus sent Philip to help this man. Jesus knew this man wanted to learn and his heart was open to the Good News. The Good News is that Jesus took ALL our sins and died on the cross, rose again, so that we can spend eternity with Him. But ONLY if we accept Jesus as our Savior.

The scripture the man from Ethiopia was reading were the prophecies about the Lamb of God (Jesus) and His death. He did not know that it had already happened! So Jesus sent Philip to tell him. How excited was this man! He wanted to learn! He wanted to accept Jesus! And then he wanted to be baptized! What a wonderful day for Philip, to be the vehicle God chose to tell this man about His Son.

This man then went back to his country, far away, and told others about Jesus. Many people then became believers because Philip obeyed Jesus when he was told to go. Our Bible tells us about the special command Jesus told his disciples MARK 16:15 *And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*

Questions:

- 1) Why do you think the man from Ethiopia was reading the scriptures?
- 2) What do you think Philip was thinking when the Angel told him to go to Gaza?
- 3) How do you think Philip felt when he was teaching the man from Ethiopia?
- 4) Do you feel Mark 16:15 applies to you? (HINT: it does)
- 5) Find someone you can tell about Jesus this week

## ACTS 8:26-36

And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship, Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet. Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot. And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? 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. The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth: In his humiliation his judgement was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth. And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man? Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?