



# “HOW TO SHARE YOUR FAITH WITHOUT BEING WEIRD”

Part 1 of 1

Sunday, May 7, 2023 at 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Text: Acts 8:26-40

**Big Idea: God has called us to be his ambassadors and represent Him well in this world.**

Acts 8:26-39, “Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians. This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the book of Isaiah the prophet. The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.” Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked. “How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. The eunuch was reading this passage of Scripture: “He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before the shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth.” The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?” Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. Why shouldn’t I be baptized?” And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing.”

## **I. The effective witness is open to divine appointments.**

A hungry soul

A Christian open to divine appointments

The guidance of Almighty God

Acts 8:26-27a, “Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, ‘Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.’ So he started out.”

Acts 8:6-7, "When the crowds heard Philip and saw the miraculous signs he did, they all paid close attention to what he said. With shrieks, evil spirits came out of many, and many paralytics and cripples were healed. So there was great joy in that city."

## **II. The effective witness is persevering.**

Acts 8:29-30a, The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it." 30 Then Philip ran up to the chariot.

## **III. The effective witness takes the initiative when appropriate.**

Acts 8:30, "Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. 'Do you understand what you are reading?' Philip asked."

## **IV. The effective witness is prepared.**

Acts 8:35, "Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus."

## **V. The effective witness leaves the results to God.**

1 Corinthians 3:6-9a, "I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. 7 So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. 8 The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor. 9 For we are God's fellow workers."