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Evangelizing the Lost for A Great Cause *Are you ready for an Ethiopian?*

Obedience is better than sacrifice

The Ethiopian was a man who could very well be in our area:

- **He was on Vacation**
- **He was a Visitor**
- **He was of Value**

Philip was a Christian that God used to lead the Ethiopian to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

- **Preparation**
- **Participation**
- **Persuasion**

Acts 8:26-40

- **26 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.**
- **27 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,**
- **28 was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet.**
- **29 Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near and overtake this chariot."**
- **30 So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?"**
- **31 And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him.**

- **32** 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.
- **33** In His humiliation His justice was taken away, And who will declare His generation? For His life is taken from the earth."
- **34** So the eunuch answered Philip and said, "I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?"
- **35** Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him.
- **36** 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?"
- **37** 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."
- **38** So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him.
- **39** 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.
- **40** But Philip was found at Azotus. And passing through, he preached in all the cities till he came to Caesarea. NKJV

PREPARATION, v.26

- ✓ Be available
- ✓ Be advisable
- ✓ Be accountable

Participation

- ✓ Adhere to the Word of God
- ✓ Authority demands obedience
- ✓ Apologetic does not mean apology

Persuasion

- ✓ Conversation
- ✓ Convincing
- ✓ Confession
- ✓ Conclusion