



Acts 8:26-40 (New Living Translation)

Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

²⁶ As for Philip, an angel of the Lord said to him, “Go south down the desert road that runs from Jerusalem to Gaza.” ²⁷ So he started out, and he met the treasurer of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under the Kandake, the queen of Ethiopia. The eunuch had gone to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸ and he was now returning. Seated in his carriage, he was reading aloud from the book of the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ The Holy Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and walk along beside the carriage.”

³⁰ Philip ran over and heard the man reading from the prophet Isaiah. Philip asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?”

³¹ The man replied, “How can I, unless someone instructs me?” And he urged Philip to come up into the carriage and sit with him.



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³² The passage of Scripture he had been reading was this:

“He was led like a sheep to the slaughter.

And as a lamb is silent before the shearers,
he did not open his mouth.

³³ He was humiliated and received no justice.

Who can speak of his descendants?

For his life was taken from the earth.”

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, was the prophet talking about himself or someone else?” ³⁵ So beginning with this same Scripture, Philip told him the Good News about Jesus.



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³⁶ As they rode along, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “Look! There’s some water! Why can’t I be baptized?” ³⁸ He ordered the carriage to stop, and they went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.

³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away. The eunuch never saw him again but went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ Meanwhile, Philip found himself farther north at the town of Azotus. He preached the Good News there and in every town along the way until he came to Caesarea.



TAKE HOME

- 1) God has a plan for reaching this planet:
The Gospel + Obedient Ambassadors +
Receptive Hearts.
- 2) It is important to exegete the scriptures
...and to exegete our culture too.
- 3) The key: Point everyone to Jesus...not to an
organization, philosophy or religion.
- 4) Do your part and let God's Spirit do his
...a ministry with punch.

A silhouette of a person standing on a grassy hill, facing away from the camera with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or triumph. The background is a bright, overcast sky. To the right, a large tree trunk and some branches are visible.

Philip Understood The Mandate: As You Go, Make Disciples

- ❖ **Simon the (former) Sorcerer and neighbors had been won to Jesus**
- ❖ **Now he is ready for his next assignment...involving a bit of traveling**
- ❖ **Let's see how this Evangelist lives out the Great Commission**



Listen For God's Voice... Is That An Angel Speaking?

- ❖ **Rise Up! Something of a 'Listen up!' from Heaven. 'To your feet!'**
- ❖ **Get yourself down that stretch of road that leads from Jerusalem to Gaza...yes, that one.**
- ❖ **To that chariot!**
- ❖ **To that important individual!**



Get A Sense Of The Situation

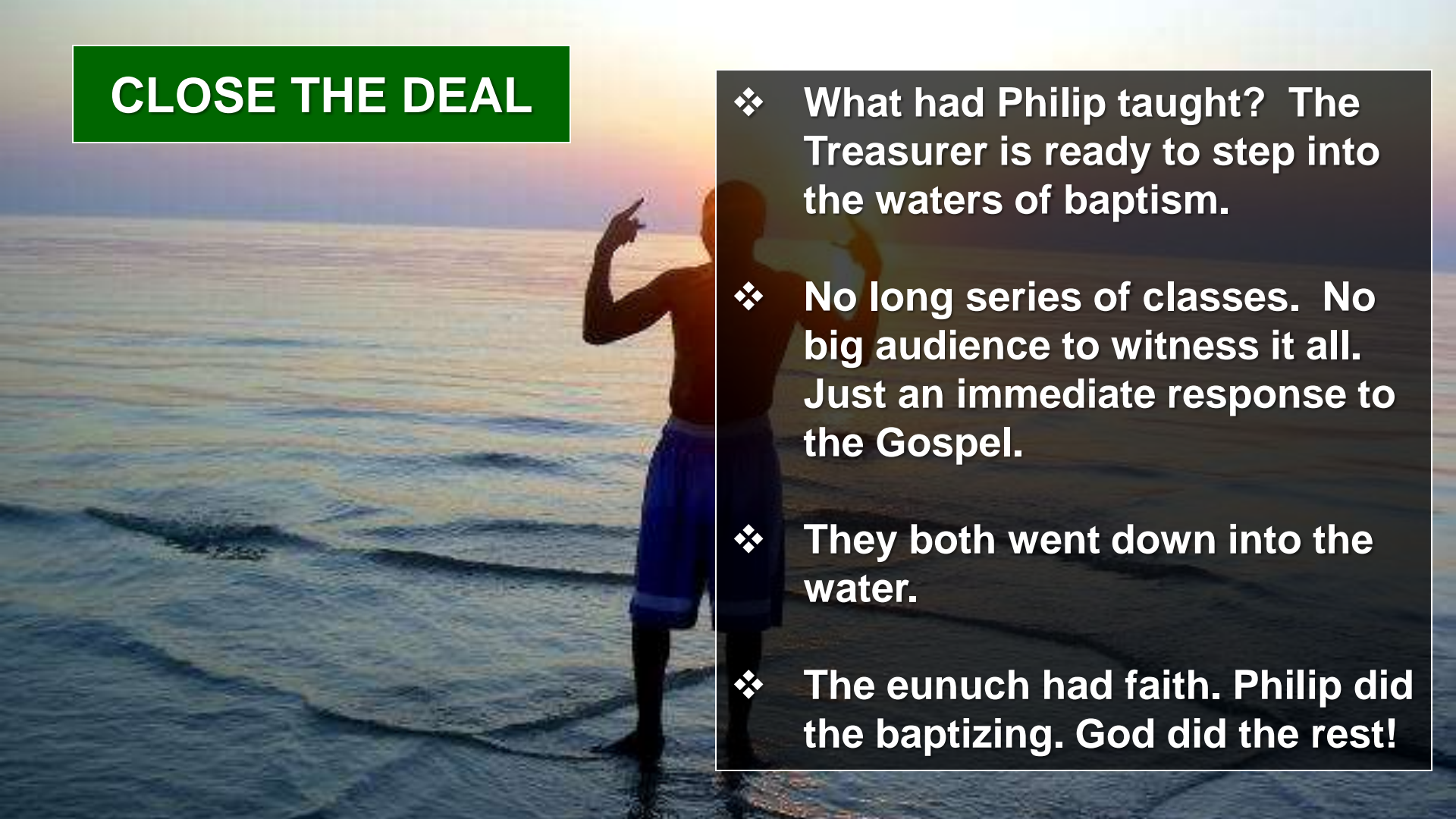
- ❖ The Eunuch is reading aloud...a key scripture from Isaiah.
- ❖ The traveler is inquiring, receptive and seeking the truth.
- ❖ May I be your Pastor?
- ❖ Hop in!

A black silhouette of a man in a suit, seen from the side, occupies the left half of the image. The right half contains two colored rectangular boxes with white text.

Starting At Any Point, Take The Conversation To Jesus (Acts 8:35 Isaiah 53:7-8)

- ❖ **Philip had insights beyond those of
Isaiah the prophet himself.**
I Peter 1:10-12
- ❖ **The words of Jesus flash light on
the matter.**
Mark 9:12, Luke 22:37, Mark 10:45

CLOSE THE DEAL

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- ❖ What had Philip taught? The Treasurer is ready to step into the waters of baptism.
 - ❖ No long series of classes. No big audience to witness it all. Just an immediate response to the Gospel.
 - ❖ They both went down into the water.
 - ❖ The eunuch had faith. Philip did the baptizing. God did the rest!

A black and white silhouette of a man walking from left to right. He is wearing a long coat and trousers, and is carrying a long staff or walking stick in his right hand. The background is a bright, cloudy sky.

One More Soul In God's Kingdom ... And A New Missionary Rides Off To Ethiopia

- ❖ The Eunuch goes home a new man.
-*Romans 6:4*
- ❖ Philip moves on to his next assignment
and to his eventual home, Caesarea
-*Acts 21:8*
- ❖ All of heaven celebrated. -*Luke 15:10*



Am I Ready To Ride In Someone's Chariot And Point Them To Jesus?

- ❖ **People all around us are waiting for a bit of nudging, teaching or evidence of God's love.**
- ❖ **We are what the world is really needing ...we who have the message of endless life and endless love.**



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- ❖ **Some people may seem to be too successful or too 'together' for us to approach them. Don't let appearances fool you.**
- ❖ **God is looking for those who are available to him, responsive to his call and courageous enough to move beyond their own zone of comfort.**



Confession

**I believe that Jesus is
the Christ, the Son of
the living God.**

**I trust him as my Lord
and Savior.**

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Prayer



