

Acts - The Gospel in Motion

Acts 8:26-40

Philip is given almost no details by the angel in our scripture passage – “Go south on the road leading from Jerusalem to Gaza” – and yet he obeys. In spite of our tireless efforts to plan and control our lives, God calls us to faithfulness in the *present* moment, “where eternity actually touches us.”

Where in your life are you clinging tightly to control instead of stepping into what God gives you today?

How does anxiety about the future keep you from seeing God's presence in the present moment?

What spiritual practices help you root yourself in “give us this day our daily bread”?

Philip encounters a chariot carrying an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Ethiopian queen. The Spirit prompts Philip to approach the chariot—in which the Ethiopian is reading the words of Isaiah about “the one who suffers.” Through Philip's interpretation, this passage proves instructive for the eunuch who has suffered like Jesus, in his own way. God meets us too, on the road as we walk with others, as we share our stories and let scripture strengthen our faith.

Who is God inviting you to come alongside right now—someone who needs presence more than answers?

How have you experienced the truth that “the Christ in the mouth of my brother or sister is stronger than the Christ in my own heart”?

What keeps you from obedient steps when God's directions feel unclear?

Though the eunuch carries physical and emotional wounds, Philip's message is simple and radical: “you belong, and nothing prevents you from entering the life of Christ.” And the eunuch is joyfully baptized. In the same way, God renews—not erases—our own stories, making them part of our testimony as we walk forward in joy.

What parts of your story—your wounds, limitations, or questions—do you struggle to believe God can redeem?

How does baptism remind us that we are given a new family and a new identity in Christ?

Where do you see God rewriting the script of your life while still honoring who you are?