

**I Will Go**  
Acts 8:26-40

26 But an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip saying, "Get up and go south to the road that descends from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a desert road.) 27 So he got up and went; and there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure; and he had come to Jerusalem to worship, 28 and he was returning and sitting in his chariot, and was reading the prophet Isaiah. 29 Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go up and join this chariot." 30 Philip ran up and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?" 31 And he said, "Well, how could I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

- I. I will go choosing **obedience** to Word of God. (v.26-31)

But an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip saying, "Get up and go south to the road that descends from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a desert road.) ***So he got up and went;***

1. Phillip demonstrated obedience to the **prompting** of God.

***But an angel of the Lord spoke*** to Philip saying,

2. Phillip demonstrated obedience to the **direction** of God.

***"Get up and go south to the road*** that descends from Jerusalem to Gaza."

3. Phillip demonstrated obedience to the **timing** of God. (v.27a)

***So he got up and went;***

- II. I will go seeking **opportunities** to share the Word of God. (V.29)

Then the Spirit said to Philip, ***"Go up and join this chariot."*** 30 Philip ran up and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?" 31 And he said, "Well, how could I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

1. Phillip **closed** the gap between himself and the Eunuch. (v.29)

***"Go up and join this chariot."***

2. Phillip **listened** for clues of spiritual interest. (v.30)

Philip ran up and ***heard him reading Isaiah the prophet***

3. Phillip **questioned** the Eunuch's understanding of Scripture. (v.31)

**"Do you understand** what you are reading?"

- III. I will go removing **obstacles** to sharing the Word of God. (v.34)

The eunuch answered Philip and said, "Please tell me, of whom does the prophet say this? Of himself or of someone else?"

1. Phillip knew he had to take the **first** step. (v.35)

Then Philip opened his mouth, and ***beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him.***

2. Phillip knew he had to take the **next** step. (v.36)

36 As they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "***Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?***"

3. Phillip knew he had to take **another** step. (v.39)

When they came up out of the water, ***the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away;*** and the eunuch no longer saw him, but went on his way rejoicing.

The strength of the church is not the strength of its institutions but the authenticity of its witness. –Leonard Sweet