

## The Ends of the Earth

### 2 Corinthians 5:18

**18** All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:

### Acts 8:26-40 (NIV)

#### **Philip and the Ethiopian**

**26** Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." **27** So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian<sup>[a]</sup> eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means "queen of the Ethiopians"). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship,

**The Gospel not only reconciles us to God, but it also reconciles us to one another.**

### Deuteronomy 23:1

No one who has been emasculated by crushing or cutting may enter the assembly of the Lord.

### Acts 8:28-30

**28** and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. **29** The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."

**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.

**31** "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

**32** This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

"He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,  
and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.

**33** In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.

Who can speak of his descendants?

For his life was taken from the earth."<sup>[b]</sup>

**34** The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?"

### Isaiah 53:3-6

He was despised and rejected by mankind,  
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.

Like one from whom people hide their faces  
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

**4** Surely he took up our pain  
and bore our suffering,

yet we considered him punished by God,  
stricken by him, and afflicted.  
**5** But he was pierced for our transgressions,  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,  
and by his wounds we are healed.  
**6** We all, like sheep, have gone astray,  
each of us has turned to our own way;  
and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

Acts 8:35-40

**35** Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

**36** As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said,  
“Look, here is water. **What can stand in the way of my being baptized?**

**[37] [c] 38** And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. **39** 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. **40** Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

3 key elements in the life of an Evangelist.

1. The leading of the Holy Spirit
2. A willing heart
3. The Word of God

## 1. The Leading of the Holy Spirit

**Acts 8:26**

**26** Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.”

1. I have to be postured to hear His voice louder than the noise around me
2. I have to know what God’s word says first so that I know what God’s voice wouldn’t say.
3. I have to already have obeyed the last thing he told me to do.
4. I have to be positioned for immediate obedience, even when the instructions don’t make sense.

## 2. A willing heart

**There are times when God calls us to immediately drop everything for something totally new, but more often than not it starts with small steps of surrender and acts of service.**

### **3. The word of God**

**We cannot become ministers of the Gospel without first becoming students of the Word.**

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#### **Romans 8:35-39**

**35** Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? **36** (As the Scriptures say, "For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.") **[a]** **37** No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

**38** And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, **[b]** neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. **39** No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

#### **Isaiah 56:3b-5**

**3b** And let no eunuch complain,

"I am only a dry tree."

**4** For this is what the LORD says:

"To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths,

who choose what pleases me

and hold fast to my covenant—

**5 to them I will give within my temple and its walls**

**a memorial and a name**

**better than sons and daughters;**

**I will give them an everlasting name**

**that will endure forever.**