



DATE: 03 April 2024 WED
TEXT: Acts 8:26-40
TITLE: Deliver

verb: to set free; to assist
in giving birth; to send to
an intended destination

Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he
laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down
our lives for the brethren.

1 John 3:16

INTRODUCTION

- we have just finished a 10-month study of the Book of Daniel and will begin another study following the Missions Conference

deep and detailed???

summer months, etc.

- for now, I want to direct your thoughts towards our missions program and the great cause of worldwide evangelism

tonight and next Wednesday

- the work of missions is *easy*...all it takes is:

the WORK of the SPIRIT

the WORD of GOD

the WORKER of CHRIST

NOTE: it is important to understand the transition
taking place in the Book of Acts

Acts 8	Ethiopian	son of Ham
Acts 9	Saul	son of Shem
Acts 10	Cornelius	son of Japheth

1. SURRENDERED THE NEXT MOMENT

A. He Surrendered His Situation

verses 5-8 Philip had gone to the city of Samaria and brought revival

Philip was a deacon sent out of the church in Jerusalem **6:3-5**

people were getting saved

demons were being cast out

many miracles of healing

discipleship was taking place

verse 26 the angel instructed Philip where to go...he didn't explain all the details

NOTE: it wasn't the angel's job to preach...in the Church Age, the church has been given that commission

verse 27 Philip seemingly went as soon as he was instructed to go...and the eunuch was there, in the middle of nowhere

what a coincidence, right???

that *place*?

that *person*?

that *passage*?

only God could ordain such a meeting for His own honor and glory

what effects were brought about because one man was willing to go

B. He Surrendered His Security

verse 29 Philip was a humble deacon who was now faced with a **HUGE** entourage of foreign people and customs

an Ethiopian eunuch

a government official

a seeker...Jewish

Deuteronomy 23:1

He that is wounded in the stones, or hath his privy member cut off, shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD.

a thousand thoughts might have ran through Philip's mind:

I don't speak the language

I'm afraid of all these things

What if I don't know the answers

The worst excuse you will ever have is a good one.

verse 30 stop and consider the **URGENCY** of missions today...

Islamic invasion of Europe

border invasion of US, Haiti, etc.

the waning influence of American values and religious culture

the globalization of the world

John 4:35

Say not ye, There are yet four months,
and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto
you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields;
for they are white already to harvest.

Luke 24:46-47

And said unto them, Thus it is written, and
thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise
from the dead the third day: and that
repentance and remission of sins should be
preached in his name among all nations,
beginning at Jerusalem.

these things *should* be preached...
but will they be preached?

2. SHARED THE NEXT VERSE

A. He Tuned In To The Man

verse 30 Philip heard the man reading

he didn't get distracted by all the
things around him

great wealth...pomp, etc.

Philip was in that moment and focused
on what needed to happen next

Psalms 46:10 Be still and know...

Matthew 6:33 Seek ye first...

1 Timothy 4:13-16 give attendance to reading...

give thyself wholly unto them...

meditate upon these things...

take heed unto thyself...

NOTE: the Ethiopian was reading from **Isaiah 53:7-8** and the word judgment is interesting...

judgment = a crisis; a turning point

generation = singular

B. He Taught The Simple Gospel

verse 35 Philip opened his mouth and began right where the Ethiopian was at

he filled in the rest of the story

do **YOU** know the rest of the story???

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

1 Corinthians 2:1-2

And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

NOTE: there are 7,097 known languages in the world

the whole Bible has been translated into 704 languages

the NT has been translated into 1,500 languages

3,312 languages have at least part of the Bible

there are 8.05 billion people in the world

3. SHOWED THE NEXT STEP

A. The Logic Of The Commission

verse 36 the Ethiopian and his entourage continued their journey, and Philip went right along with them

how far did they travel?

long enough for the Ethiopian
to learn about baptism

Matthew 28:19-20

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

NOTE: **verse 37** is omitted in the newer versions...

B. The Length Of The Commitment

for reasons unknown to us, Philip was not allowed by God to stay longer and disciple this man

historically, we know the Apostle Matthew went to Ethiopia and planted churches there

Foxes Book of Martyrs

verses 39-40 Philip continued to preach for at least another 20 years

he traveled from Gaza to Ashdod
and up to Caesarea Maritima

Acts 21:8

this was the coast of the Philistines
in the Old Testament