

# Truth or Dare

## part 4 – Supernatural Evangelism

### Acts 8:26-39 – Philip and the Ethiopian

<sup>26</sup> Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” <sup>27</sup> So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian 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, <sup>28</sup> and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. <sup>29</sup> The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.”

<sup>30</sup> Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked.

<sup>31</sup> “How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

<sup>32</sup> 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. <sup>33</sup> In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.

Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth.”

<sup>34</sup> The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?” <sup>35</sup> Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

<sup>36</sup> 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?” <sup>[37]</sup> <sup>38</sup> And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup> 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.

1. Have you ever experienced a time when God actively directed you to do something, say something or go somewhere?
2. Read Acts 8:9-25. What is Luke warning the reader about in this story? In what ways have you seen this warning play out in the church? What is the importance of Colossians 2:18-19 to this issue?
3. **Available:** Read Acts 8:26, how is Philip available and ready? How important is it to be available and ready to be of service to God and others?
4. **Attentive:** Read Acts 8:27-28, how is Philip attentive? How many times have we been somewhere and done something and later thought, if only I had done this and if only I’d done that? What is God’s complaint in Jeremiah 7:24, what does God mean by this? How can we serve God more by being attentive?
5. **Accommodating:** Read Acts 8:29-35, in what way is Philip accommodating? How can we be more accommodating in service to God?
6. **Accepting:** Read Acts 8:36-39, Jews struggled to accept both foreigners (Ezra 9 and eunuchs (Deuteronomy 23:1, Leviticus 22:23-25) so what is the Holy Spirit doing with Philip in the light of his cultural prejudices? What kind of similar situation might we face? How can we be more accepting in service to God?

**Spend some time in prayer**