

The Parts God Calls Us to Play:
Philip—*Leading Others to the Water*
Acts 8:26-40

Be Prepared for Unlikely Opportunities

- A. Philip saw an opportunity to share his faith while in the desert.
- B. We must be prepared for unlikely opportunities.

Come Close Enough to Touch Others

- A. Philip got close enough to this man from Ethiopia to sense his struggle and be ready to respond to his need.

(Acts 8:29) The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."

- B. We must come close enough to others to sense their struggle and respond to their needs if we are going to lead them to Christ.

Answer the Questions People Ask

- A. Philip began with this man's question about the prophecy of Isaiah and led him from there to Christ.

(Acts 8:35) Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

- B. We must begin with the questions people are asking and lead them from there to Christ.

Let God Work Unhindered

- A. This man had faced many hindrances in his life of faith.

(Acts 8:36) As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. Why shouldn't I be baptized?"

- B. People today face many hindrances to faith in Christ.
 - 1. Some strong hindrances are inside them.
 - 2. Some of the greatest hindrances are in you and me.

Share the Faith All the Way Home

(Acts 8:40) Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

The most wonderful thing someone can say about you:
You are the one who helped me know Jesus for myself.