

MEDITATION



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The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and

starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.

Acts 8:34-38
Grace to you and peace from God our Father, our Lord and savior Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

In this section from Acts, we find an Ethiopian eunuch reading the prophet Isaiah. The eunuch is curious about the scriptures and its interpretation. In verse 30, Philip, who has been led by an angel of the Lord to visit the eunuch, approaches him and asks, "Do you understand what you are reading?" The eunuch responds to the question, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" What a great revelation! It's important to, first, understand what it is that God is calling us to do and how to discern and interpret God's mission for us as Christians. And, second, it's important for us to lean on the guidance and direction of God and

others as we continue in our mission and in our ministry.

The eunuch asks further, continuing his desire to fully understand the scriptures. The eunuch wants to know whom the prophet is writing about. Philip revealed the gospel to the eunuch and shared the story of Jesus Christ. How important is it for us to fully understand our mission, our vision for ministry and our purpose as disciples of Jesus Christ?

Then, a little later in the story, the eunuch asks Philip a very important question: "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" The entirety of this story has led the eunuch to this revelation. He has studied the scriptures; he has asked for help and guidance in interpreting God's word; he has heard the good news that Jesus Christ himself embod-

ied; and now, he is asking to fully experience God's love and the gospel. What is to prevent him from being baptized? The answer is simple: nothing!

The story of Philip and the eunuch provides for us a model of how one might come to the faith and a model for how we might be faithful leaders in the world. It is my prayer that as we go about our daily lives, and as we strive to become better disciples of Jesus, we recall this story and the pattern of the faith it presents. I pray that each day God grants us the opportunities to go through the same revelations the eunuch did and that in the same way he leads us to help others to see the exact same revelations, all in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Gloryland VBS July 20-24

Gloryland Missionary Baptist Church, 101 Benfield Road, will hold Vacation Bible School, "Journey Off the Map," July 20-24 from 6-8:30 p.m. Commencement service will be Saturday, July 25, at 12 noon. All kid's family are invited, games, hotdogs and snacks after commencement. For more information call Pastor David Murray at 704-740-7212.

Saturday breakfast

Central United Methodist Church, 113 S. Piedmont Ave., will serve an "all you can eat" country breakfast Saturday from 6:30 a.m.-10 a.m. Proceeds will benefit the Costa Rica mission trip. A donation of \$6 is asked for the meal, children 6 and under eat free. The public is invited.

Fellowship & Faith

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