

A Chance Encounter Acts 8:26-36

In this encounter on a dirt road in near Gaza, Philip shares the gospel because it is ingrained in his daily character formation, while God intentionally directs this evangelist to a foreigner and eunuch. The redemptive work of Christ is put on display as this once excluded God-fearer, becomes a son of the Most High God.

3 Main Characters

1. Philip:

- Good Reputation (Acts 6)
- Character Formation
- Fear vs. Apathy

2. Ethiopian Eunuch

- Excluded from worship

Isaiah 53 - The suffering servant

But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed.

Isaiah 54

Shout for joy, O barren one, you who have borne no child; Break forth into joyful shouting and cry aloud, you who have not travailed

Isaiah 55

*Every one who thirsts, come to the waters;
And you who have no money come, buy and eat. Come, buy wine and milk
Without money and without cost.*

Isaiah 56

*Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the Lord say,
"The Lord will surely separate me from His people."*

For thus says the Lord,

"To the eunuchs who keep My sabbaths,

And choose what pleases Me, And hold fast My covenant, To them I will give in My house and within My walls a memorial, And a name better than that of sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name which will not be cut off.

3. God the director

- Locally:
 - *What if God put people in your life for a reason?*
- Globally:
 - How are we be taken into the story of where God is moving history?

3 Main ideas

- Philip: *Who are you?*
- Ethiopian Eunuch: *Where are others?*
- God: *Do you trust?*