

KESSID SERMON NOTES



Sermon
"So Will I"

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Today we are going to talk about your deepest issue...

- Doubt, Fear, Anger, Self-Reliance, Lust, Pain, Forgiveness etc.

Two People, An Ethiopian Eunuch, and Phillip (Again)...

- Phillip is One of the Original Seven Deacons
- He had just preached the gospel in Samaria and healed EVERYONE!
- (Vs) Acts 8:26-27a - Phillip and the Eunuch
- God takes the initiative and directs Philip to take the road from Jerusalem to Gaza. *This is a Desert road with few travelers on it.*
- **Note:** For God to summon Philip from a thriving ministry in Samaria to the wilderness of the Judean hills doesn't seem like a rational move, and yet, in immediate obedience, with little information, but complete trust in the God who guides, Philip sets out...

Did you know... The word "Success" is only mentioned one time in all of scripture?

(Vs) Josh 1:8 – "This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success."

Thought: It's within Our Obedience we find the Greatest Success

- (Vs) Acts 8:27b-28 – An Ethiopian Eunuch...The Ethiopian eunuch mentioned here was a high court official of Candace, the queen of Ethiopia.
- He was in Israel to worship the Lord at the temple, which means he was probably a Jewish proselyte...(Vs) Acts 8:29-33 – Phillip and the Eunuch
- The Spirit of the Lord had been preparing the Eunuch's heart to receive the gospel.
- As the Eunuch read Isaiah, he began to ask questions, and at just the right moment, the Lord brought Philip across his path. (Vs) Acts 8:34-35 – The Eunuch asks and Phillip answers...

- Note: "In order for a person to accept the truth, he must first hear the truth preached."

(Vs) Romans 10:14,15 – How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

- Philip, because of his obedience, was in the right place at the right time and shared the Gospel message.
- As Philip explained the gospel, the Ethiopian eunuch believed...(Vs) Acts 8:36-38 – The Eunuch Baptized...

(Vs) Acts 8:39 – "And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing."

- Tradition says that the eunuch carried the gospel back home to Ethiopia and founded the church there – only him and the Holy Spirit.

(Vs) Acts 8:40 – But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

- This was no coincidence. It was God's plan from the very beginning, and Philip was obedient to that plan.

I said earlier that today we are going to talk about your deepest issue...

- No matter what it is you have hidden within you, whatever it is, it can be overcome through Obedience to God...
- I'm not sure anyone understands this, both the positive and negative consequences of Obedience to God, more than King David...

To him, his "God was always Greater than His Own Greatest Failure"

~ PSALM 113 ~

Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!
 2 Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore!
 3 From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!
 4 The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!
 5 Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high,
 6 who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?
 7 He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
 8 to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.
 9 He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children.
 Praise the Lord!