

## **GO: POWER to Do What God Wants Me to Do**

Acts 8:26-40

### **The POWER to GO where God wants me to GO.**

📖 Acts 8:26-27a (NIV) "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..."

📖 1 Kings 17:3-4 (NIV) "Leave here, turn eastward... I have ordered the ravens to feed you there."

📖 Acts 8:27b-29 (NIV) "...on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of Candace, 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."

### **The POWER to SAY what God wants me to SAY.**

📖 Acts 8:30-31 (NIV) "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."

📖 Acts 8:32-33 (NIV) "The eunuch was reading this passage of Scripture: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before the 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."

📖 Acts 8:34-35 (NIV) "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."

📖 Isaiah 53:3-6 (NIV) "He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we esteemed Him not. <sup>4</sup> Surely He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered Him stricken by God, smitten by Him, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup> But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed. <sup>6</sup> We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all."

### **The POWER to DO what God wants me to DO.**

📖 Acts 8:36 (NIV) "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?"

📖 Acts 8:37 (NKJV) "Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."

📖 Acts 8:38-40 (NIV) "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. <sup>40</sup> Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea."

📖 Isaiah 56:3-5 (NIV) "Let no foreigner who has bound himself to the Lord say, "The Lord will surely exclude me from His people." And let not any eunuch complain, "I am only a dry tree." <sup>4</sup> For this is what the Lord says: "To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, who choose what pleases me and hold fast to my covenant— <sup>5</sup> to them I will give within my temple and its walls a memorial and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that will not be cut off."

## **IMPACT**

- Imitating Christ
- Meeting Needs
- Proclaiming the Good News
- Assimilating people into the church
- Celebrating God
- Teaching the Word of God

How are you DOING? Do you struggle to do what God has called you to do? Are you trying to do things in your own strength? Where is God calling you to GO? Who is God calling you to talk to? What does God want you to say? Do you hunger for God's word? Do you rejoice in your salvation? Do you need to be saved? Do you need to be baptized?

