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### I. A Directed Disciple and Teachable Treasurer: (vv. 26-30a)

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- B. The Ethiopian \_\_\_\_\_. –*Deut 23:1; Esth 2:3; Dan 1:8*
- C. Philip \_\_\_\_\_ in obedience. –*Acts 8:27*

### II. The Informed and the Ignorant: (vv. 30b-35)

- A. Philip \_\_\_\_\_, the Ethiopian \_\_\_\_\_. –*1Pet 1:10-11; Acts 19:1-2; 17:11*
- B. The reading of the Ethiopian: \_\_\_\_\_. –*Isa 53:7-8*
- C. The Ethiopian \_\_\_\_\_, Philip \_\_\_\_\_. –*Lk 22:37; Isa 53:7-8; Ps 2*

### III. The Evangelist and the Evangelized: (vv. 36-40)

- A. The Ethiopian \_\_\_\_\_ and is \_\_\_\_\_.  
–*Matt 28:19; James 2:17*
- B. The Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ Philip. –*Acts 8:29; 13:4; 16:6*
- C. The Ethiopian \_\_\_\_\_. –*Isa 56:4-5*
- D. Philip \_\_\_\_\_ along the Mediterranean coast.

### Application

- Tell the \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ you meet. –*Acts 1:8; 1Thes 1:8*
- Make your \_\_\_\_\_ swift. –*Jas 1:22, 2:17; Rom 10:9*
- Make your \_\_\_\_\_ of the Word of God \_\_\_\_\_. –*Ps 119:10, 12, 14; 2Pet 3:18; 2Tim 2:15*
- Be \_\_\_\_\_. –*Acts 2:38, 41; 8:16; 9:18; 10:48*

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<sup>26</sup> Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. <sup>27</sup> And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup> and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup> And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” <sup>30</sup> So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” <sup>31</sup> And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup> Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter  
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,  
so he opens not his mouth.

<sup>33</sup> In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

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<sup>34</sup> And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” <sup>35</sup> Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup> And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” <sup>38</sup> And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. <sup>39</sup> 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. <sup>40</sup> But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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- B. The reading of the Ethiopian: Isaiah 53. –*Isa 53:7-8*
- C. The Ethiopian lacks, Philip supplies. –*Lk 22:37; Isa 53:7-8; Ps 2*

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- A. The Ethiopian believes and is baptized. –*Matt 28:19; James 2:17*
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### Application

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