

# *Resurrection Life of Jesus Church*

## **BACK TO THE BOOK OF ACTS (BBA)**

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### **PART 23B: SUPERNATURAL GUIDANCE**

## **THE POWER OF THE HOLY GHOST IS ABSENT FROM MOST CHURCHES**

A believer in Christ must be willing to hear and obey! Phillip was part of a great awakening, and in the midst of people getting saved, healed and delivered; an angel came to him with an order to go to the desert! Just like Abraham, he was not told the details, just go! **Acts 8:26**

Human logic says this is stupid and cannot be of God. It doesn't make sense to leave the biggest awakening outside Jerusalem and walk out into the wilderness where there are no people, food or water. This is where faith comes in where we are willing to obey God and not look at the circumstances. **Isaiah 55:8-9; Hebrews 11:1-6**

***God will not tell us any of the details many times. He wants us to take some kind of action and blindly obey, trusting that He will not lead us astray! The only thing a believer in Christ must be sure of is that it is the voice of God and not demons! John 10:27-30; 2 Corinthians 11:13-15***

If you are used to living and working in the flesh, don't expect God to speak to you. **1 Corinthians 2:9-16**

Phillip obediently left Samaria and walked until he came to the highway leading to Egypt in Gaza. **Acts 8:27**

There he met a traveling group from Ethiopia, complete with armed guards from the queen's palace. Highway robbers were greatly feared at this time and people always traveled in caravans for protection. Any person running toward a caravan would be dealt with by the armed guards. Notice that the angel who spoke to Phillip did not come back and tell him what to do; instead, it was now the Holy Spirit that told him to go near to the nobleman from Ethiopia and speak to him. **verses 28-30**

## **THE HOLY SPIRIT HAD PREPARED THE NOBLE MAN**

Unless the Holy Spirit is working with a person, there will be no repentance and salvation. **John 6:44; 65; Acts 8:31**

The Ethiopian eunuch was a believer in the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and a descendant from the time of the Queen of Sheba. **(1 Kings 10:1-13)** She brought the worship of the true God back to Ethiopia and converted her people to faith in the living God some 900 years before the birth of Jesus. This is how we get Ethiopian Jews; they are not blood descendants to Abraham but converts to



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Judaism. These were the people God wanted to move from the First Covenant into the Second Covenant. **Acts 8:32-34**

It was time for Phillip to preach Jesus. **verses 35**

The man accepted Jesus as the Messiah and desired to be baptized. There was water available since the road followed the shore of the Mediterranean Sea. **verse 36-38**

## **MISSION ACCOMPLISHED**

We can see the hand of God again. Unless the Holy Spirit had supernaturally transported Phillip, he would have been invited to start a church in Ethiopia. Phillip didn't have to walk this time; actually he had no say in the matter and was simply transferred by the Holy Spirit to Azotus. **verses 39-40**

The conversion of the Ethiopian eunuch led to a Christian church in Ethiopia which has survived to this very day. However, pagan influence has come in down through the centuries and it needs a revival.

## **HOW DO YOU COMPARE WITH PHILLIP?**