

Take My Chances

What Do I Do Now? (part 10)

Philip grabbed his chance.

Acts 8:35 Msg



On that day a great persecution broke out against the church at Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were **scattered throughout Judea and Samaria**. 2 Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him. 3 But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off men and women and put them in prison.

4 **Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went. ...**

26 Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” 27 So he started out, and 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, 28 and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the book of Isaiah the prophet. 29 The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.”

30 Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. **“Do you understand what you are reading?”** Philip asked.

31 **“How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?”** So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

32 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. 33 In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth.”

34 The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?” 35 Then **Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.**

36 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?” 38 And he gave orders to stop the chariot. **Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him.** 39 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. 40 Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

Acts 8:1-4, 26-40 NIV

Grab the Opportunities in Front of Me

❖ Go Find People

You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Acts 1:8 NIV

Peter **saw his opportunity** ... Acts 3:12 NLT

Philip **grabbed his chance**. Using this passage as his text, he preached Jesus to him. Acts 8:35 Msg

❖ Speak Clearly

How can people have faith in the Lord and ask him to save them, if they have never heard about him? And **how can they hear, unless someone tells them?** Romans 10:14 CEV

Pray for us that God will give us many opportunities to **speak about ... Christ ... as clearly as I should.**

Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity. **Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone.** Colossians 4:3-6 NLT

This will be **your chance** to tell about your faith. Luke 21:13 CEV

❖ Train Others

Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life ... Matthew 28:19 Msg

Therefore **go and make disciples of all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. Matthew 28:19-20 NIV

Make the most of every chance you get.

Ephesians 5:16 Msg

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 CEV - Contemporary English Version
 CPV - Cotton Patch Version
 G W V - God's Word Version

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 MSG - The Message
 NCV - New Century Version
 Amp - Amplified Bible
 W S V - Word on the Street Version