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MY WHOLE LIFE I HAVE BEEN COMPLAINING THAT MY WORK WAS CONSTANTLY INTERRUPTED, UNTIL I DISCOVERED THAT MY INTERRUPTIONS WERE MY WORK.

- HENRI NOUWEN

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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 THE KANDAKE (WHICH MEANS "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 THIS IS THE PASSAGE OF SCRIPTURE THE EUNUCH WAS READING:

"HE WAS LED LIKE A SHEEP TO THE SLAUGHTER, AND AS A LAMB BEFORE ITS 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. WHAT CAN STAND IN THE WAY OF MY BEING 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.

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• THE IMPORTANCE OF OBEDIENCE

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GOD DOESN'T ASK IF YOU'RE CAPABLE, HE ASKS, "ARE YOU WILLING?"

- THE IMPORTANCE OF OBEDIENCE
- THE IMPORTANCE OF PREPARATION

ACTS 8:27-28

...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.

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- THE IMPORTANCE OF PREPARATION
- THE IMPORTANCE OF QUESTIONS

ACTS 8:30-31

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- THE IMPORTANCE OF OBEDIENCE
- THE IMPORTANCE OF PREPARATION
- THE IMPORTANCE OF QUESTIONS
- THE IMPORTANCE OF SCRIPTURE

ACTS 8:32-34

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ACTS 8:32-34

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- THE IMPORTANCE OF SCRIPTURE
- THE IMPORTANCE OF JESUS

ACTS 8:35

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ACTS 8:36

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- THE IMPORTANCE OF PREPARATION
- THE IMPORTANCE OF QUESTIONS
- THE IMPORTANCE OF SCRIPTURE
- THE IMPORTANCE OF JESUS
- THE IMPORTANCE OF RESPONSE

A PERSON'S COMING TO CHRIST IS LIKE A CHAIN WITH MANY LINKS...THERE ARE MANY INFLUENCES AND CONVERSATIONS THAT PRECEDE A PERSON'S DECISION TO CONVERT TO CHRIST. I KNOW THE JOY OF BEING THE FIRST LINK AT TIMES, A MIDDLE LINK USUALLY, AND OCCASIONALLY THE LAST LINK. GOD HAS NOT CALLED ME TO ONLY BE THE LAST LINK.

- CLIFFE KNECHTLE

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