

THE CHARIOT CHALLENGE

BEING ON TIME FOR A DIVINE APPOINTMENT

WHEN YOU FEEL LIKE YOUR GOING TO BE _____, YOU MAY BE RIGHT ON SCHEDULE.

Acts 8:26 ¶ And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.

Heb. 11:8 "By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went."

Joh 4:23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

THE ETHIOPIAN EUNUCH COULD NOT CHANGE HIS _____ OR CREATE _____.

Acts 8:27a And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians,

Jer 13:23 Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? *then* may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil.

De. 23:1 "He that is wounded in the stones, or hath his privy member cut off, shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD."

WE WORSHIP IS NOT THE ISSUE, BUT _____

Acts 8:27b who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship,

2Ch. 6:32, 33 "Moreover concerning the stranger, which is not of thy people Israel, but is come from a far country for thy great name's sake, and thy mighty hand, and thy stretched out arm: if they come and pray in this house: Then hear thou from the heavens, *even* from thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for: that all people of the earth may know thy name, and fear thee, as *doth* thy people Israel, and may know that this house which I have built is called by thy name."

Joh 4:22 "Ye worship ye know not what..."

Ac 17:23 "For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you."

WHEN THE MESSAGE IS BEING _____, THE MESSENGER IS JUST _____.

Acts 8:28 Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet.

Isa 55:11 "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it"

OBEDIENCE MUST ALWAYS OVERCOME _____.

Acts 8:29 Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

A. Relationship

B. Resume

C. Rudeness

YOU MUST _____ TO KEEP YOUR DIVINE APPOINTMENT OR YOU MIGHT MISS IT.

Acts 8:30a And Philip ran thither to him,

Ps. 119:32 "I will run the way of thy commandments, when thou shalt enlarge my heart."

1Co. 9:26 "I therefore so run, not as uncertainly..."

1Sa. 17:48 "And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came and drew nigh to meet David, that David hasted, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine."

_____ CREATES _____.

Acts 8:30b and heard him read the prophet Esaias,

Col. 4:3 "Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds:"

YOU CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT, WITHOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

Acts 8:30c and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?

1Co. 2:14 "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned."

Luke 24:44, 45 "And he said unto them, These *are* the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and *in* the prophets, and *in* the psalms, concerning me. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures."

THE HOLY SPIRIT WAS THE _____ AND PHILIP WAS THE _____.

Acts 8:31a And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me?

Joh 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

Romans 10:14-17 "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

WHO WAS THIS _____ THAT WAS SLAIN?

Acts 8:31b And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him. 32 The place of the scripture which he read was this, (Isa 53:7,8) He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth:

Jo. 1:29 "The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."

1Pe 1:19-24 "But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed *himself* to him that judgeth righteously. Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed."

WHO WAS THIS MAN THAT WAS _____ ?

Acts 33 In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth.

Php. 2:8, 9 "And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:"

WE NEED TO _____ SO WE DON'T LOOK STOOPED

Acts 8:34 And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?

2Ti. 2:15 "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

1Pe. 1:10, 11 "Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace *that should come* unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow."

Joh. 5:39 "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me."

ALWAYS USE THE WORD OF _____ NOT THE WORD OF _____

Acts 8:35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.

Joh. 20:31 "But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name."

Ac. 18:28 "For he mightily convinced the Jews, *and that* publicly, shewing by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ"

.Mt. 13:23 "But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth *it*, which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."

PHILIP DID NOT JUST EXPLAIN WHAT JESUS DID FOR HIM, BUT ALSO WHAT HE NEEDS TO DO FOR JESUS.

Acts 8:36 And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?

Philip must have ended his preaching with the great commission

Mt. 28:19 "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:"

YOU MUST BELIEVE WITH YOUR _____, NOT JUST UNDERSTAND WITH YOUR _____

Acts 8:37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

Romans 10:9,10 "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

THE ATTITUDE OF _____ SHOULD BE PRESENT IN THE SALVATION _____

Acts 8:38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. 39 And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.

Ro 5:2 "By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God."

EVANGELISM IS NOT A ONE TIME _____, BUT A LIFETIME _____

Acts 8:40 But Philip was found at Azotus: and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to Caesarea.

2Ti. 4:2 "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine"