

sermon notes

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May 11, 2025 | "Conversion Story" | Acts 8:26–40

Six Components of a Great Conversion Story:

- 1) _____ Intervention (8:26)
- 2) A _____ Messenger (8:27–29)
- 3) An _____ with Scripture (8:30–33)
- 4) The _____ Explained (8:34–35)
- 5) _____ Profession through Baptism (8:36–38)
- 6) _____ Joy (8:39–40)

Questions for further application of God's Word:

GO DEEPER

Read Acts 8:26–40. What is significant about the Ethiopian eunuch's conversion in the book of Acts? How is his conversion different from other conversions in the previous chapters? In what ways is it the same?

Why did God redirect Philip from his thriving evangelistic work in Samaria to evangelize one person? Does this seem inefficient to you? How was the Ethiopian eunuch strategic to Christ's mission (see Acts 1:8; see also Matt 28:18–20)?

Philip didn't delay baptizing the eunuch. What does the book of Acts teach about the importance of baptism? Does baptism typically happen quickly? What is required before someone is baptized? When were you baptized, and what was the significance of that moment in your life?

GET PERSONAL

Read the "Six Components of a Great Conversion Story" above. Do all six components appear in your own conversion story? Who was the faithful messenger (or messengers) who shared the gospel with you? When was the last time God used you as a "Philip" in someone else's life?

The Holy Spirit told Philip to approach the eunuch's chariot (8:29). Is this normative in the life of a believer? Why or why not? Was there a time when you were prompted by the Holy Spirit to share your faith with someone? What did that "prompting" look like? Did you share your faith with that person? If so, what happened?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Everyone has a unique salvation story. Take time this week to write out your testimony and share it with a friend, a coworker, your children, or your spouse. In what ways is your conversion similar to or different from the Ethiopian eunuch's story in Acts 8?

ADVANCED QUESTION

Philip led a man to faith in Christ by using the Old Testament. Jesus also frequently referenced the Old Testament in His ministry. Do you know how to read the Old Testament in light of the New Testament? What are some obstacles you face when reading the Old Testament? How would you explain its message as part of presenting the gospel? Philip explained Isaiah 53 and pointed to Jesus—are you prepared to do the same when someone has questions?