



So, where to
next?

Acts 8:26–40

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Philip and his ministry

Acts 6:1–7

Philip appointed as one of the seven deacons

“So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.”

Acts 6:7

Philip and his ministry

Acts 8:1–25

Philip went to a city in Samaria

“So there were great joy in that city”

“...astonished by the great signs and miracles ...”

Acts 8:6, 13

Philip and his ministry

Acts 8:26–40

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.”

Acts 8:26



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Desert in the Bible

Places of despair and death

“They said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt?” (Exodus 14:11)

Desert in the Bible

Places to encounter God

In a desert land he found him, in a barren and howling waste.
He shielded him and cared for him;
he guarded him as the apple of his eye

Deuteronomy 32:10

Something unthinkable for Philip

- Go to a desert place
- Run after a chariot

Something unthinkable for Philip

- Speak to an Ethiopian eunuch

“No one who has been emasculated by crushing or cutting may enter the assembly of the LORD.” (Deut 23:1)

Let no foreigner who is bound to the LORD say, “The LORD will surely exclude me from his people.” And let no eunuch complain, “I am only a dry tree.” For this is what the LORD says:

“To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, who choose what pleases me and hold fast to my covenant— to them I will give within my temple and its walls a memorial and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that will endure forever.” (Isaiah 56:3–5)

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