

SERMON NOTES

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Life Interrupted: Following a Spontaneous Spirit

Acts 8:1, 5-6, 26-31, 35-36, 39

I like having a plan.

The Spirit of God is more spontaneous (my limited perspective).
Philip's life interrupted several times.

- Does God have a plan? (theology)

- Is His plan right? (priority)

God is Love.

Jesus is Lord.

- Does His plan work? (practicality)

Scripture + seeking heart + Spirit-sent worker =
Salvation = Expanded circle.

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- Why are you so afraid? Mark 4:40

Scriptures for today's sermon...

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¹Saul was in hearty agreement with putting him to death. And on that day a great persecution began against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.

⁵ Philip went down to the city of Samaria and *began* proclaiming Christ to them. ⁶ The crowds with one accord were giving attention to what was said by Philip, as they heard and saw the signs which he was performing.

²⁶ But an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip saying, "Get up and go south to the road that descends from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a desert *road*.) ²⁷ So he got up and went; and there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure; and he had come to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸ and he was returning and sitting in his chariot, and was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go up and join this chariot." ³⁰ Philip ran up and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹ And he said, "Well, how could I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him. ³⁶ As they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch *said*, "Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?"

³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; and the eunuch no longer saw him, but went on his way rejoicing.