

**BOTTOM LINE WITH GOD'S WORD  
FOR MEN #12**

**Theme: Study the Word and Be Prepared to Share It**

**Scripture: Acts 8:26-35 (The conversion of the Ethiopian official)**

29)The Spirit told Philip, "Go and join that chariot." 30)When Philip ran up to it, he heard him reading the prophet Isaiah (Is 53:7-8) and said, "Do you understand what you're reading?" 31)"How can I," he said, "unless someone guides me?"

**A Thought:**

**"How can I - unless someone guides me?" The Ethiopian's response to Philip is direct and wanting. The eunuch may have been confused especially if his previous reading had been Isaiah 52 and 53 ....all leading to what we know today as the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. He needed someone to set the message straight....he asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" Philip began with the passage in question (Is 53:7-8) and proceeded to give him the good news about Jesus. If this scenario took place today in your life are you willing to answer the Ethiopian's challenge? We must and we can. To do so we have to study the word.....author Henry T. Blackaby in his book, Experiencing God states that "God requires obedience, God speaks through circumstances and God speaks through the Bible." Long story short - we must study the word and be prepared to share it.**

**Now....what are your thoughts? Write them down.**

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**Talk to yourself:**

- Is reading the Bible a daily habit?
- Do you study the Bible?
- How often do you share the Gospel with others?
- What steps are you taking to learn the word?
- What are your concerns as it relates to sharing the word?

**Scriptures to read:**

- Acts 8:26-35                      1Tim. 4:13-16                      2 Tim 3:16-17
- Acts 17:11                        Acts 2:42                              Psalms 119: 105                      Matt. 22:29

**<<<Isaiah related scriptures and revelation of our Lord Jesus**

- Matt.8:17/Is53:4                      1 Peter 2:22-25/Is 53:4-6                      Acts 13:47/Is.49:6
- John 12:38/Is53:1                      Matt. 12:18-21/Is.42:1-44                      Luke 22:3/Is.53:2

**NOTE: The first generation of Christians depended on OT scriptures,...Hence, the importance of the Book of Isaiah and its proclamations of redemption.**

**Quote: Glen - [www.thisisyourbible.com](http://www.thisisyourbible.com)**

*The word of God is designed to be an inexhaustible supply of food for our spiritual well-being. If we neglect it we do ourselves a disservice.*

***Bottom Line:***

**The Book of Acts tells us that the peripatetic Philip his actions and his early ministries went beyond the boundaries of Jewish christians and head-first to reach the gentiles. Are we willing to faithfully do what is necessary to prepare ourselves so that “we” will be ready for that one question - “How can I, unless someone guides me?”**

**NOW.....THAT’S THE BOTTOM LINE.**

**Spiritual Dabbler,**

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