

NEW ACTS #11: Acts 8:26-38 "Led by God"

NEW SHIPS THAT NAVIGATE THE WATERS FILLED WITH ICEBERGS FROM GLACIERS
Sonar – GPS – special propellers aft/port – THAT IMPORTANT
MP: God has given you everything you need to live a life that is led by Him.

- DEFINING CHARACTERISTIC OF A CHRISTIAN

Romans 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons/daughters of God.

A LIFE LED BY GOD – IN 5 EASY STEPS

1. PHILIP LISTENED TO GOD – Top 3 REASONS WE DON'T HEAR

- HIS GUIDANCE IS NOT ON OUR RADAR

Many Christians aren't being led by God because they're not listening to God.

- Phillip was listening – He was EXPECTING GOD TO GUIDE HIM/WANTED
- ISRAEL – STUDENT WALKING DOWN MASSADA (have you prayed)

- LIFE IS TOO NOISY – CLUTTER – HARD TO HEAR

- SOLITUDE IS IMPORTANT – **TURN OFF THE NOISE**

1 Kings 19:11 the LORD *was* not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, *but* the LORD *was* not in the earthquake; ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, *but* the LORD *was* not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.

- DISOBEDIENCE – BE A DOER OF THE WORD

James 1:22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves

If you're having a hard time hearing God make sure you've obeyed the last thing He told you to do.

THE GUIDANCE OF GOD ISN'T ALWAYS LIKE THIS – Word, conviction, circumstances

When you are loving God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength and your neighbor as yourself, you will be led by Him.

2. PHILIP WAS WILLING TO LET SOMETHING GO

- PHIL: Let go of the revival – desert or revival / success or unknown - **TRUST**

Sometimes you can't move forward to the next thing without first letting something go

- HOW TO CAPTURE A MONKEY – NUT IN THE COCONUT

3. PHILLIP TOOK ONE STEP AT A TIME

Be ok with not getting the whole plan at once –

- **DESERT?? AND.....**

- Abraham – GO TO THE LAND I WILL SHOW YOU

Psalms 119:105 Your word *is* a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

4. PHILIP SURVEYED CIRCUMSTANCES FOR WHAT GOD IS DOING

- DIVINE APPOINTMENT – GOD HAD SHAPED THIS MOMENT – **SEE IT**

- All of the things that had to line up for this – IDENTIFY THINGS

Get to Gaza, crossing the path of the Eunuch on the Via Maris, the eunuch had to be reading the portion of Scripture

Revelation 3:8 See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it;

5. PHILIP DIDN'T UNDERSTIMATE GOD

Don't underestimate the value of what God can do with the small things..

- ONE PERSON MATTERS - **ETHIOPIAN EUNUCH**
 - You never know what God will do with one small step