

Acts 8:29

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As you read today's verse, you may know what is happening if you have read it before. If not, then let's go back a few verses to read what lead up to today's verse.

✠ ***Acts 8:26-28 Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert. So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet.***

Then we read today's verse: ***Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near and overtake this chariot."***

When Philip saw the Ethiopia eunuch, notice it doesn't say that Philip stopped and prayed, "Lord, should I go and talk to this guy?" No, because it says that the Spirit said to Philip, or prompted Philip to go talk to him. Yet so often the Lord has placed someone in our path, and we either ignore it or wonder if we should go talk to them. So we pray, "Lord, do You want me to go talk to that person?" Yet we know our calling is to share the gospel, and we shouldn't have to pray, "Lord should I?" But rather, we should just do it. It's called walking by faith, and not being a robot who needs to hear every command like a robot, because the Lord has given us a brain, and even more so, a heart for the lost. So once again, we don't always need to pray "Lord, should I?" but rather "Lord, give me the words to speak to this person."

I also know for a lot of us, this is an uncomfortable thing to do, even though it shouldn't be. But we have to remember, that it's not going out and street witnessing for a lot of us, and I think that's where our fear comes in, because honestly, it's not our calling to go street witnessing (Although it may be for some of you). I am not talking about that. But we all know those times when we are talking to someone, be it at work, school, the grocery store, a neighbor or anywhere we may be, that there are those times when we feel prompted to "say something" to that person. And we get nervous and wonder, "is that the Holy Spirit telling me?" Honestly, in most cases, I would say, yes it is the Holy Spirit prompting us to talk to that person. But if we over think it, that's when we get nervous, and a lot of times we don't share with that person at all. But we have to remember that that is an attack from the enemy trying to stop us from sharing Jesus with that person.

But we also worry about what we will say. Yet have you ever thought of this, if the Holy Spirit has prompted us to speak to someone, that He would also give us the words to say as well?

- † Luke 12:12 (MSG) *“The right words will be there. The Holy Spirit will give you the right words when the time comes.”*
- † Acts 10:44 (MSG) *No sooner were these words out of Peter's mouth than the Holy Spirit came on the listeners.*
- † Acts 16:10 *Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them.*
- † 1 Corinthians 2:13 *These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.*