

GOD QUESTIONS

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How Can I Share My Faith? Part 2

God wants to use my _____ to make a difference.

²⁶ As for Philip, an angel of the Lord said to him, "Go south down the desert road that runs from Jerusalem to Gaza." ²⁷ So he started out, and he met the treasurer of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under the Kandake, the queen of Ethiopia. The eunuch had gone to Jerusalem to worship,

²⁸ and he was now returning. Seated in his carriage, he was reading aloud from the book of the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ The Holy Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and walk along beside the carriage."

³⁰ Philip ran over and heard the man reading from the prophet Isaiah. Philip asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

³¹ The man replied, "How can I, unless someone instructs me?" And he urged Philip to come up into the carriage & sit with him.

³² The passage of Scripture he had been reading was this: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter. And as a lamb is silent before the shearers, he did not open his mouth. ³³ He was humiliated and received no justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth."

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, was the prophet talking about himself or someone else?" ³⁵ So beginning with this same Scripture, Philip told him the Good News about Jesus.

³⁶ As they rode along, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "Look! There's some water! Why can't I be baptized?" ³⁸ He ordered the carriage to stop, and they went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. Acts 8:26-38

Key Principle:

"God uses me when I'm _____ to be used."

Steps to Readiness:

I) Be _____ God wants me to be. This is _____ readiness.

The Holy Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and walk along beside the carriage." Acts 8:29

II) Be _____ of who God wants me to invest in. This is _____ readiness.

Philip ran over and heard the man reading from the prophet Isaiah. Philip asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" Acts 8:30

III) Be _____ to share my faith at any time. This is _____ readiness.

So beginning with this same Scripture, Philip told him the Good News about Jesus. Acts 8:35

Ways To Be Ready To Share My Faith At Any Time:

I) _____.

II) _____.

"I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life. John 5:24

III) _____ versus _____.

God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. ⁹ Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. Ephesians 2:8-9

IV) The morality _____.

But now God has shown us a different way to heaven —not by "being good enough" and trying to keep his laws, but by a new way (though not new, really, for the Scriptures told about it long ago). ²² Now God says he will accept and acquit us—declare us "not guilty"—if we trust

Jesus Christ to take away our sins. And we all can be saved in this same way, by coming to Christ, no matter who we are or what we have been like. Romans 3:21-22 (TLB)

V) _____.

Make the most of your chances to tell others the Good News. Be wise in all your contacts with them. ⁶ Let your conversation be gracious as well as sensible, for then you will have the right answer for everyone. Colossians 4:5-6

NEXT STEPS:

- I will memorize Colossians 4:5-6 (TLB)
- I will pray and commit to be ready to share my faith at any time.
- I will invite someone to the block party. (9/17/23)
- I will invite someone to the fall campaign. (9/23 & 24/23)
- I want to sign up for GriefShare (starts 9/9/23)