



True Love Wins, **SHARE IT!**

Proverbs 27:5 reminds us that love shouldn't be concealed. It is meant to be shared. Let's look at two Bible characters to see why and how we are to demonstrate and share God's love to others.

Philip: One Servant Can Make An Impact

(Acts 8:1, Acts 1:8, Acts 8:4-12, 27-28)

Philip is one of the 7 men selected to serve as waiters in the fast-growing church in Jerusalem (Acts 6:1,3,5). Philip had a servant heart, filled with the Spirit, and able to share the gospel in words and deeds. He went to Samaria, a place Jews are so judgmental against, and shared the Good News there. His ministry in Samaria was great, as many people have come to believe. It was a comfortable place for Philip to settle in, but he was commanded by the "angel of the Lord" to go back to Jerusalem and proceed to Gaza, which is a desert road (Acts 8:26-27). Philip, not knowing what was in store for him in that journey down south, willingly obeyed and fulfilled the command of God.

We can share God's love through - PRAY, CARE, and SHARE. As followers of Jesus, we can make an impact to win people's hearts for the Lord when we obey and stay faithful to His calling to tell others about the good news, not just in our words but also through our deeds – love in action!

Ethiopian Eunuch: One Soul is Precious to God

(Acts 8:27-39)

An Ethiopian eunuch came from Jerusalem to worship God. At the exact moment while he was reading the scrolls of ISAIAH, he met Philip who asked if he understood what he was reading. The eunuch admitted that he couldn't unless someone explains it to him. Philip took the opportunity, explaining to the eunuch the verses that speak of Jesus the Messiah. Philip

this week's memory verse

and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

MARK 12:30-31

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simply opened his mouth (Acts 8:35) and as he was speaking, went on to share the gospel. The Ethiopian eunuch had all the power and riches, but success did not satisfy his innermost need for a Savior. He was searching for truth and in so doing, found Jesus Christ and reached the point where he was very much willing to surrender to HIM.

Our lives can also be like the Ethiopian eunuch – having everything, we come to a point of realization that there is still something missing, and we will only be able to feel truly complete when we finally encounter the Gospel Truth (Romans 10:9-10).

True LOVE – *the kind of love that gives despite the imperfections, and sometimes even rejections* – is a love that is meant to be shared and passed on to others. Such is the love of Christ. It's time to take up our sleeves and work for this love to be known in the world. May we all let our light shine and be useful servants in the Kingdom of God!

discussion questions

How did you personally experience the true and transforming love of Jesus in your life? Try to share your story in one (1) minute!

What needs to change in your daily walk so you can be a better witness for Jesus?

With whom will you intentionally share the love of Jesus in the next week or two?

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