

DAY 1

Your Journey Starts Here

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"New Direction" by Pastor Brett Moore

Growing up, I have always had an inquisitive mind. I have always wanted to know, "Why?" I have always needed a reason. I am sure that on more than one occasion my parents were exhausted from having to explain every detail to me so that I could move on in my life. Sometimes I still find myself in this place of why in my life. I am able to see the testimonies of God's work in those around me, on a weekly basis in my church, and in what God has done in my life; but there seems to be a missing segment of the story.

It is comforting to know that there are others who are in the same place in their faith journeys. In scripture it is Jesus who becomes the answer to all sections of the story that seem to be missing. We find that Jesus is the fulfillment of scripture in the way he was born, lived, and died. He is also the one who allows us as followers to understand scripture. But it is a follower of Jesus, one who spent time in the presence of Christ who demonstrates to us why scripture is so important.

In the book of Acts, chapter 8 verses 30 through 35 Philip, one of Jesus' disciples gives us a glimpse into the power of scripture and why it is such an important part of the life of a believer.

³⁰Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. ³¹"How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²The eunuch was reading this passage of Scripture: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter and as a lamb before the shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ³³In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth." ³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

In his encounter with this man, Philip does not have to perform a miracle, he does not have to perform an act of humiliation, nor does he have to point out what was wrong with the man's life. Philip simply points to scripture and tells the man about Jesus. The man's journey was headed in one direction and was characterized by frustration, disappointment, and failure. His life was left different because someone took the time to point out the good news, not the hindrances that are found in the Bible.