MY READINESS CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The Difference Maker - Part 2

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**Acts 8:26-36 (NLT)**   
As for Philip, an angel of the Lord said to him, “Go south down the desert road that runs from Jerusalem to Gaza.” 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, and he was now returning. Seated in his carriage, he was reading aloud from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The Holy Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and walk along beside the carriage.” Philip ran over and heard the man reading from the prophet Isaiah. Philip asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” The man replied, “How can I, unless someone instructs me?” And he urged Philip to come up into the carriage and sit with him. 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. He was humiliated and received no justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, was the prophet talking about himself or someone else?”  So beginning with this same Scripture, Philip told him the Good News about Jesus. As they rode along, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “Look! There’s some water! Why can’t I be baptized?” He ordered the carriage to stop, and they went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.

PRINCIPLE

God uses me when I am ready to be used!

3 STEPS TO BEING READY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

1. BE **WHERE** GOD WANTS TO ME TO BE. (Physical readiness)

**Acts 8:29 (NLT)**   
The Holy Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and walk along beside the carriage.”

2. BE **AWARE** OF WHO GOD WANTS ME TO INVEST IN. (Spiritual readiness.)

**Acts 8:30 (NLT)**   
Philip ran over and heard the man reading from the prophet Isaiah. Philip asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?”

3. BE **READY** TO SHARE MY FAITH AT ANY TIME. (Intellectual readiness.)

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

5 WAYS TO BE READY TO SHARE MY FAITH AT ANY TIME

* MY STORY
* THE BRIDGE

**John 5:24 (NLT)**   
“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.

* DO VERSES DONE

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

* THE MORALITY LADDER

**Romans 3:22 (NLT)**   
We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.

* MY INVITATION

**Colossians 4:5-6 (NLT)**   
Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity.  Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone.