

# The Power of the Spirit's Voice (Acts 8:26-40)

**God's Power Continues – Part 9**  
**Life Church St. Louis – June 7, 2015**  
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*Acts 1:8 (NIV) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

*John 10:27 (NIV) My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.*

*Acts 2:38 (NIV) Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

*Luke 11:13 (NIV) If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"*

## 1. Seek God's \_\_\_\_\_

*Acts 8:26 (NIV) Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road--the desert road--that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza."*

### 1A. Be ready for \_\_\_\_\_ appointments

*Acts 8:27-28 (NIV) So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians. This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the book of Isaiah the prophet.*

### 1B. Be in \_\_\_\_\_ contact with the Spirit

*Acts 8:29 (NIV) The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."*

## 2. Take advantage of every \_\_\_\_\_

*Acts 8:30-31 (NIV) Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.*

### 2A. Use \_\_\_\_\_ to unlock hearts

*Acts 8:32-33 (NIV) The 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. In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth."*

### 2B. Explain the good news about \_\_\_\_\_

*Acts 8:34-35 (NIV) The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.*

## 3. Follow God's \_\_\_\_\_ of discipleship

*Acts 8:36 (NIV) As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. Why shouldn't I be baptized?"*

### 3A. \_\_\_\_\_ believers should be water and Spirit baptized

*Acts 8:38 (NIV) And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him.*

### 3B. Follow God in the next step of \_\_\_\_\_

*Acts 8:39-40 (NIV) When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.*

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## Study Guide

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Intro. How would you explain what our message series “God’s Power Continues” is all about (Acts 1:8)?

What is Jesus talking about when He says “My sheep listen to my voice” in John 10:27?

What must a person do to prepare themselves to hear God speak to them through the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38)?

Why did Jesus command His children to ask the Father to give them the Holy Spirit (Luke 11:13)?

1A. Why do you think the angel did not tell Philip why he was to go to the desert road (Acts 8:26)?

1B. In what ways was Philip’s meeting of the Ethiopian eunuch a divine appointment (Acts 8:27-28)?

1C. How do you believe Philip had prepared himself to hear the Spirit’s voice (Acts 8:29)?

1D. Why do you think that praying in tongues makes a believer more sensitive to hearing the Spirit’s voice (1 Corinthians 14:4a)?

2A. How did Philip take the initiative in his encounter with the Ethiopian (Acts 8:30-31)?

2B. Why is God’s Word such a powerful weapon in unlocking hearts (Acts 8:32-33, Ephesians 6:17b)?

2C. Why is it essential in witnessing to talk about Jesus (Acts 8:34-35)?

2D. In what ways can you follow Philip’s example in being a better witness for Jesus?

3A. What do you think prompted the eunuch to ask to be baptized (Acts 8:36)?

3B. From Philip’s earlier experience in Samaria, what would lead you to believe that the eunuch was Spirit baptized as well (Acts 8:36, 8:15-17)?

3C. Why was Philip’s assignment with the eunuch now complete (Acts 8:39-40)?

3D. In what ways can following the Spirit’s voice for a few hours impact eternity forever?