

## "Radical: Normative Christianity" (Part 2)

Acts 8:26-40 - May 28, 2017

*How does God want me to be a normal, radical Christian?*

### \*Acts 8:26-29

1) Get-up & Go!... In Order To Join With Others

The word 'join'(Vs.29) means, "*to unite/bond, to keep company w/*".

So the Holy Spirit was telling Philip to unite with the eunuch - to bond & keep company with Him... As normal, everyday Christianity is about being Spirit-led, seeking to connect with others *for the sake of the gospel*.

When the Holy Spirit has prepared someone's heart, they're ready to connect on a spiritual level and they'll be ready to listen to you.

We can be used by God, even without establishing a relationship first.

### \*Acts 8:30-35

2) We're To Give *Biblical* Guidance, As We Proclaim Jesus To Them

If Philip wasn't walking with Jesus in the Word, then He couldn't have been used by Him.

The good news is - God has always used imperfect people.

*"You aren't the message, just the messenger"*... So walk with Jesus, stay in the Word, and pray and ask God to use you.

### \*Acts 8:36-38

3) Understand And Emphasize Baptism

It seems like either the eunuch and Philip had some dialogue about baptism, or he had prior knowledge about it - as it was used in ancient religions as a means of supposed purification.

As some of us have come to understand and experience, no amount of water can cleanse our sin-stained souls.

Anyone who has come to saving faith in Christ needs to be baptized *after* having believed in Him - which is exactly what we see happening here.

We are to be baptized out of obedience. We also do so in order to testify *publicly* - demonstrating that we identify with Christ and His Body (the Church), and that we are unashamed.

Baptism is significant for followers of Jesus; it isn't some religious ritual we do so that we can get on with our lives - as though it could ever wash away our sin, or make us more spiritual or even closer to God - apart from knowing and following Christ.

### \*Acts 8:39+40

4) Keep Proclaiming The Gospel To *All* The Cities

We should be thankful to see God do such radical things in people's lives (as with the eunuch!) - but even then, we're never to settle... As God wants us to keep pressing-on with the gospel.

Just when we think it can't get any better, isn't it just like God to supernaturally move us to new places (as with Philip) - even though sometimes, they may seem to be more difficult places.

Keep-on keeping-on in the work of the Lord.