



*Royal Access:
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ACTS 8:26-40

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Key Scripture: Acts 8:26–40 (NKJV)

Historical Context:

Candace was not a personal name but a dynastic title used by the queens of the ancient kingdom of Meroë, located in present-day Sudan. These women held political power and were often revered as religious and administrative leaders. The Ethiopian eunuch was a high-ranking official in her court, demonstrating that African leadership and faith were already deeply intertwined before Christianity spread widely.

The Encounter (Acts 8:26–40):

Philip is led by the Holy Spirit to meet an Ethiopian official who is reading the prophet Isaiah. Philip explains the Scripture, and the eunuch believes in Jesus and is baptized. This moment marks one of the earliest recorded conversions of an African believer in the New Testament.

Activity: Gatekeeper or Goer?

- On one sticky note, write how you can release someone else to experience God (like Candace).
- On another, write a way God is calling you to go deeper in your faith (like the eunuch).
- Post your notes on the boards labeled 'Gatekeeper' and 'Goer'.

Reflection Questions:

1. What does the eunuch's desire for truth teach us about spiritual readiness?
2. What can we learn from Queen Candace's role in enabling spiritual pursuit?
3. Are you a gatekeeper for others or a goer on a mission—or both?

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Key Scripture: Acts 8:29 (NKJV)

"Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go near and overtake this chariot.'"

Reflection Questions:

1. Have you ever sensed God nudging you to step out in faith? What happened?
2. Who are the people God has placed in your life that may be seeking truth?
3. How can you be more attentive to the Holy Spirit's direction in your everyday life?

Prayer Prompt:

Lord, help me to hear Your Spirit clearly and to move with boldness. Make me sensitive to divine opportunities and willing to act on Your call.

Journal Space:

Use the space below to write out your reflections, prayers, or a personal commitment to act on what

God is showing you through this story.