

the difference maker

Using My Every Day to Impact the Eternal

My Readiness Can Make a Difference
Sunday, September 19 | Tommy Duke
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Acts 8:26 -38 (NLT) – Philip & the Ethiopian

²⁶ “As for Philip, an angel of the Lord said to him, ‘Go south down the desert road that runs from Jerusalem to Gaza.’²⁷ 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,²⁸ and he was now returning. Seated in his carriage, he was reading aloud from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

²⁹ The Holy Spirit said to Philip, ‘Go over and walk along beside the carriage.’

³⁰ Philip ran over and heard the man reading from the prophet Isaiah. Philip asked, ‘Do you understand what you are reading?’

³¹ The man replied, ‘How can I, unless someone instructs me?’ And he urged Philip to come up into the carriage and sit with him.

³² 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.’

³³ He was humiliated and received no justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth.’

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, ‘Tell me, was the prophet talking about himself or someone else?’³⁵ So beginning with this same Scripture, Philip told him the Good News about Jesus.

³⁶ As they rode along, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, ‘Look! There’s some water! Why can’t I be baptized?’³⁸ He ordered the carriage to stop, and they went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.”

Difference Maker Principle:

God uses me when I am
prepared to be used.

3 STEPS TO BEING READY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

1. **BE _____ GOD WANTS ME TO BE.**
(Physical Readiness)

“Then the Spirit said to Philip, ‘Go near and overtake this chariot.’” – Acts 8:29

2. **BE _____ OF WHO GOD WANTS ME TO INVEST IN.**
(Spiritual Readiness)

“So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, ‘Do you understand what you are reading?’ And he said, ‘How can I, unless someone guides me?’ And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him.” – Acts 8:30-31

3. BE _____ TO SHARE MY FAITH AT ANY TIME.
(Intellectual Readiness)

“So the eunuch answered Philip and said, ‘I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?’ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him.”
– Acts 8:34-35

**4 WAYS TO BE READY TO SHARE
MY FAITH AT ANY TIME:**

- **MY _____**
(Message 1 of this series is available at FBCGC.live)

“But God had mercy on me so that Christ Jesus could use me as a prime example of his great patience with even the worst sinners. Then others will realize that they, too, can believe in him and receive eternal life.” – 1 Timothy 1:16 (NLT)

- _____ **VERSUS** _____

“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.”
– Ephesians 2:8-9 (NLT)

- **THE _____**

“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.” – Romans 3:22 (NLT)

- **MY _____** (Next Sunday’s Message Topic)

Memory Verse:

“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.”
– Colossians 4:5-6 (NLT)

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:

- Memorize Colossians 4:5-6.
- Pray and commit to God to be “ready” to share my faith at any time.
- Pray for and invite someone to join us for our Fall Kickoff on Sunday, October 3.
- Sign up to attend The Difference Maker Seminar this Wednesday, September 22, at 7:00pm.

**Join Us Next Sunday for
The Difference Maker – Part 4
“My Invitation Can Make a Difference”**

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