**Part 13 – The After Party**

**God Works Through Divine Appointments**

**A divine appointment is when God sets up a moment that changes everything.**

**How God works through divine appointments.**

**Acts 8:26-29**

**Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.”**

**So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means “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. The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.”**

* **Listen for God’s leading.**

**Take the Test: Is it God’s voice… or something else?**

**1. Does it contradict God’s word?**

**2. Does it bring peace or fear?**

**2 Timothy 1:7**

**God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.**

**3. Does it encourage obedience or excuses?**

**4. Does it point you to Jesus?**

**John 16:13-14**

**When he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.**

**He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you.**

**Acts 8:30-35**

**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.**

**This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: “He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its 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.”**

**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.**

* **Be ready with an answer.**

**1 Peter 3:15**

**Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.**

**Romans 10:14-15**

**But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?**

**Acts 8:36-40**

**As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?”**

**And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him.**

**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.**