

## ***Upside-Down Living***

“Leading Others to Christ”

Acts 8

### **The Big Picture**

Some Christians have very emotional responses when they are saved, while others may not. No matter the experience, the act of putting one’s faith in Jesus Christ will change a person completely (see 2 Corinthians 5:17). There are certain things that are true of every conversion, things that show how salvation happens.

### **Key Points**

#### **All of us can be used by God to lead others to Him.**

We all have a role to play, whether it’s sowing, watering, or reaping. It’s not about what you feel comfortable doing. God has chosen preaching as His primary method of communication (see 1 Corinthians 1:21), and he has chosen humans as His primary means (see Romans 10:14).

#### **Knowing this, we should have a heart for non-believers.**

Effective evangelism always starts with a burden for the lost. Philip went out of his comfort zone to preach the gospel to the Samaritans (see Acts 8:5-8). All the teaching and advice in the world won’t make you an effective witness of the gospel if you don’t care about the people you are trying to reach. They can tell if you’re being sincere or not.

#### **We need to be open and obedient to the leading of the Holy Spirit.**

Philip trusted God’s direction, even when His instructions didn’t seem logical. God usually won’t give us a detailed blueprint, but leads us one step at a time. Obedience to revealed truth guarantees guidance in matters unrevealed.

#### **We need to be tactful when sharing the gospel.**

It’s not about winning an argument, but winning a soul. We need to be able to defend our beliefs, but you can’t “argue” someone into the Kingdom of God. When Jesus spoke with the woman at the well, it was a dialogue, not a confrontation.

#### **Give the gospel accurately**

- A. Focus on Scripture (Isaiah 55:10-11; 2 Timothy 2:15)
- B. Focus on Jesus (1 Corinthians 15:1)

### **Take Action**

Are you sharing the gospel with those around you? Take stock of your heart when it comes to the key points listed above. As you live out those principles, you’ll begin to see the Holy Spirit really working in you. And, of course, remember that God is the one who saves people, not us (see John 6:65).