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Sermon Title: Missio Dei: LED by the Spirit into Mission

Speaker: Rich Villodas, Lead Pastor

Scripture: Acts 8:26-40

“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.” 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. 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.”

Acts 8:26-36, 38-40 NIV

Sermon Outline:

I. Rich's Conversion - Spirit-led.

- God still speaks to his people!

II. Philip the Evangelist - on mission, sent by the Holy Spirit.

III. Being led by the Spirit into “spontaneous moments.”

IV. Being led by the Spirit into “sustained movement.”

Sermon Summary:

This Sunday Pastor Rich continues our series Missio Dei, today focusing on the central role of God the Holy Spirit in leading us into mission. Are you open to His leading?

Sermon Questions:

1. What words or phrases from this scripture passage resonated in you as you read them? Why?

2. What is one practical step you sense God calling you to take in light of this message and/or scripture passage?

- Were you raised in a home that made it easy or difficult to understand the mission of God? Were you ever given a sense of mission communicated to you by family? Why or why not?
- How do you feel when you hear that God the Holy Spirit desires to lead you into mission? Are you open to this leading? Are you open to “spontaneous moments”?

- Have you ever been a recipient of God's spontaneous blessing offered by another? How did that happen?
- How are you sensing God is inviting you to engage in a "sustained movement" for His Kingdom? What are some practical steps forward into this?
- How is God encouraging you to grow in all of these areas? How has God come to you in mission?