



COURAGE TO BE IDENTIFIED WITH CHRIST

ACTS 8:36-40

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Acts 8:36 And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?"

38 And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him.

39 And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

40 But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea. (ESV)

1. Always _____ (v.36)

2. Be _____ (v.37!)

3. Obey _____ (v.38)

4. Work _____ (vv.39-40)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Matthew 25:31-34**. How does this promise about the future help bolster your courage when you need to stand on what truly is "the right side of history?" How can you recall this forthcoming reality more often?
2. Read **John 12:42**. What are some of the practical costs and some of the punitive responses you might suffer from non-Christians when you are publicly identified with Christ and his word in our modern society?
3. Read **John 12:43**. How can you avoid being trapped between these two loves? What are some ways to make sure you are decidedly focused on God's approval in your everyday life?
4. Read **Acts 8:36-38**. What would you say to a Christian who tells you he is too embarrassed to be water baptized? How would you counsel them through their apprehension?
5. Read **Acts 8:39-40**. How might a Christian maintain the joy and determination that motivated the ongoing work of the Ethiopian and Philip in these verses?

*This Week's
Bible Reading Schedule*

June 6th
2Chr.20-22 & Jn.16:1-15

June 7th
2Chr.23-25 & Jn.16:16-33

June 8th
2Chr.26-28 & Jn.17

June 9th
2Chr.29-31 & Jn.18:1-23

June 10th
2Chr.32-33 & Jn.18:24-40

June 11th
2Chr.34-36 & Jn.19:1-22

June 12th
Ezra 1-2 & Jn.19:23-42

June 13th
Ezra 3-5 & Jn.20

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Msg. 16-13 – **Knowing Genuine Repentance**
Msg. 08-15 – **How to Get Eternal Life: The Only Right Response**
Msg. 07-20 – **Courage to Do the Right Thing**
Msg. 12-61 – **The Role of the Church in the Christian Life: Baptism**
Msg. 13-57 – **Regeneration & The Baptism of the Holy Spirit**
Msg. 19-29 – **The Royal Task: Praying for Progress**

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Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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