Desiring God

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INTRODUCTION

- Today, when we're getting into the lesson, we're going to be talking about the desire of God and what that really looks like.
- We're going to be using the story of Philip and the eunuch to emphasize and use that as a foundation for that topic.

1 Who This Eunuch Is

Acts 8:26–39

- Not only was he an Ethiopian, he was a proselyte, he was a Jewish believer.
- The eunuch was a religious man, but he also was a humble man. All these things up here right now could have been a hindrance to him.
- The eunuch desired to know what the true Lord was. He had the desire to figure out who the Lord was and what he needed to do.

2 What Did the Jews Really Think of the Messiah?

Isaiah 9:2–7; Isaiah 53:1–6

- For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government will be upon his shoulders.
- This is what the Jews were taking with them. This sight of a physical king.
- When we see him, there will be no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.
- So they took Isaiah 9, but then they wanted to ignore Isaiah 53.
- The eunuch was there understanding that this was a humble king. This was a humble savior.

3 A Lack of Faith

Acts 8:37; John 8:24

- If you believe with all your heart, you may. So what was the eunuch's response? I believe that Jesus is the Son of God. Faith is necessary.
- Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins if you do not believe that I am He.
- If you cannot believe, if you cannot accept in your heart, you cannot be saved.

4 A Lack of Repentance, A Lack of Water

Acts 2:36–38; Acts 8:38; Romans 6:3–5

- Repent and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins.
- Repent. Change. Make that 180 in your life. Follow Jesus and be baptized for the remission of your sins.
- A lack of water should never hold us back.

- He didn't wait for a special place and a special time. He found some water and immediately went.
- We were buried with him through baptism into death, just as Jesus Christ has raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in the newness of life.

5 Pride Can Get in Our Way

James 4:6–10

- Some people are too proud to admit that they need forgiveness of their sins.
- Some are too proud to acknowledge that they need baptism.
- God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.
- Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he will lift you up.

6 Family Shouldn't Hinder Us

Matthew 10:37–39

- Some people are too scared about what their family will think when they decide that they want to follow God.
- Children, do not get me wrong. You are children for a reason. Be a child. Honor your father and mother.
- He who loves his father or his mother more than me is not worthy of me.
- But I can confidently say that Jesus is the best thing in your life.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **If you know that if you died right now and you wouldn't be in Abraham's bosom, what are you waiting for? Make things right with God.**

MY NOTES