

## Available to God

*“An angel of the Lord spoke to Philip saying, ‘Get up and go’ ....So he got up and went.”*  
Acts 8:26-27



A basketball in the hands of Perry Bowers is valued at about \$7.88. In the hands of David Andes maybe \$11 and change. Palmed by FLM's newest superstar, German Wright, a cool \$100. When LeBron James handles the rock, the Cavs value him at \$24 mil a year not including a \$90 million contract with the Swoosh. But the eternal value of an ALL IN man in the hands of God.... priceless! As we study the book of Acts we discover that one of the characteristics that made these early Christ-Followers ALL IN was that they put everything about their lives in the hands of God. Their time, goals, desires, lifestyles, schedules, resources, relationships and results. They understood that it was not their **ABILITY** that impressed God, but their **AVAILABILITY** to His call in their lives. Are you aware that your availability to God is priceless? Not that God needs you, but that He longs to team up with you to score big time for His Kingdom. So how available have you been to God lately? What about people He obviously puts in your path? If God asked you to “*get up and go*” could you...would you?

**Acts 8:1-25** As we continue our way through the book of Acts what were some of the things these ALL IN men were experiencing? Can you relate?

**Acts 8:26** How does God speak to us today? (II Tim 3:16-17; Hebrews 1:1-4; Luke 6:46-47; Psalm 19) It has been said that Scripture is the dialect of the Holy Spirit. Are you listening? Have you been quiet enough and long enough in His presence to hear? What is He saying?

**Acts 6:3-8; 8:26-30, 40** What are some of the character qualities that made Philip so available to God? What special task/mission did God have for Philip? What other ALL IN men in the Bible were **not super able** but were **simply available** to God? How can you grow to become more like them? What simple, yet powerful prayer do you find these men praying (Gen 22:1, 11; Ex 3:4; Acts 9:10; I Sam 3:4-8; Isaiah 6:8; Daniel 1; 3; 6)?

**Acts 8:27-38** What facts, characteristics, qualities and desires do you see in the life of this eunuch? Why was this Eunuch so important to God (Rom 10:8-15; I Tim 2:1-8)?



This Ethiopian represents many people in our culture today who believe in a god, have had some kind of religious experience, are interested in understanding the Scriptures, have tons of questions but nobody to answer, and are seeking after truth yet do not have a saving faith in Jesus Christ. Do you know anyone like this? Who? (Luke 19:1-11; John 3:1-8; Joshua 2)

Do you remember a time when you were confused, feeling the same way as the Ethiopian and were asking questions about God? Who did God ask to “*get up and go*” to you...and they went? What was the result? At the time what did you appreciate more, their abilities or availability?

Are you available to help seeking men believe? Name someone to whom God is asking you to “*run*” and reach out in order to love, include, befriend, listen, console. It's hard to be the hands/feet of God when you are sitting on your butt!

**Acts 8:30, 35** What smart thing did Philip do to build a relationship and better understand the mindset of this foreigner? Once he understood, what did he do to help him come to Christ? What questions will you ask “*the eunuchs*” in your life? What verses/passages will you use?

**TAG TEAM DISCUSSION** What truth inspired you to be more available to God? What will this look like practically?



**ASSIGNMENT** God gives each of us multiple opportunities each week to “*get up and go*” in order to “*run up*” to someone with questions. Who will it be and when will you go?