

## **The Relentless Pursuit of our Gracious God**

**Acts 8:25-40**

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Jesus came to seek and to save the lost.

The Hound of Heaven, poem by Francis Thompson

God will pursue his fleeing children.

### **God sends His Servant v 26**

What is Philip doing now? What does God tell him to do?

Philip immediately obeyed.

Be willing and available to serve God when the opportunity arises.

### **God prepares His Child v 27-28**

The Old Testament faith was an inclusive faith.

It looked beyond Israel to the nations. (1 Kings 8:41-43; Jeremiah 29:13)

Where is Ethiopia?

Who was Candace?

He was perhaps the first African Convert.

Encouragement for a Eunuch. Isaiah 56:3-7.

### **God brings His Word, His Servant and His Child together v 29-31**

Do you understand what you are reading? (Romans 10:12-15)

God will move heaven and earth to reach one of his children.

### **God presents Christ to His child through His servant v 32-35**

Philip preaches Christ to him from Isa 53.

### **God Grants the Assurance of Baptism v 36-38**

Where is v 37?

Baptism is a sign and seal from God that you are included in the covenant and promises of God.

**God Grants the Joy of Salvation v 39**

Joy is a product of knowing the God of your salvation.

**God continues to use his Servant v 40**

He preached his way through the cities of old coastal Philistia back to his future home in Caesarea.

God used his obedient, willing, servants.

God is the one seeking us; and he stirs us up to seek him.