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Recognizing Divine Appointments

Acts 8:26-40

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BIG IDEA: Not noticing someone in whom God is working is the waste of a divine appointment.

Definition: *Divine appointments are God-arranged opportunities, in which He sovereignly orchestrates people, events, and circumstances in order for you to connect with someone and share your faith.*

The Story of the Ethiopian Eunuch: Acts 8: 26-40

Divine appointments take you to those God is seeking. (vv. 26-28)

Divine appointments are orchestrated by the Holy Spirit. (vv. 29-35)

Isaiah 53:4-6

Isaiah 56:3-5

Divine appointments lead to transformed lives. (vv. 31-38)

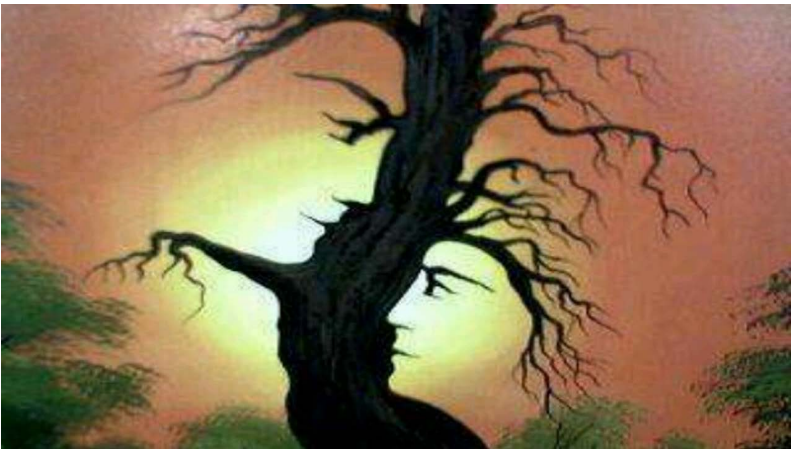
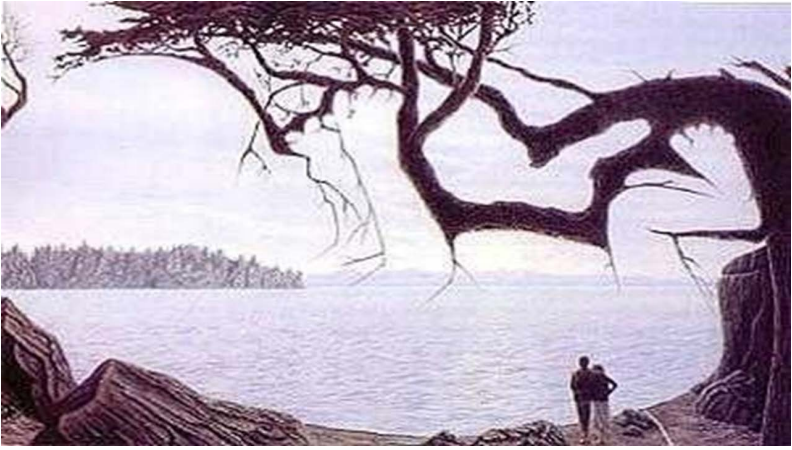
Apply: This week, will you recognize the people that God is putting in your path? Those he is seeking? Will you stop and take time to interact with them? Their life and yours will change when you start looking for and responding to divine appointments.

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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,

Acts 8:26-27a

an important official in charge of all the treasury of Candace, 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.

Acts 8:27b-28

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.

Acts 8:29-30

"How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. The eunuch was reading this passage of Scripture: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,

Acts 8:31-32a

and as a lamb before the 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."

Acts 8:32b-33

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.

Acts 8:34-35

As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. Why shouldn't I be baptized?" And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him.

Acts 8:36-38

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.

Acts 8:39

Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

Acts 8:40

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you to those God is seeking.**

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Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities;

Isaiah 53:4-5a

the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53:5b-6

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