God's Kingdom is Expanded through Divine Appointments & Disciplined Obedience

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- Philip obeyed the Lord even when God's instructions sounded <u>ridiculous</u>. vv.26-27a, 29-30a
- The Ethiopian had obeyed the Lord by worshiping Him in Jerusalem, although he did so at great sacrifice. vv.27
- The Ethiopian was obeying the Lord by <u>studying</u> God's Word & <u>reading</u> it aloud. vv.28 & 30
- Philip obeyed the Lord by speaking with <u>courage</u>. He courageously asked if the man understood. v.30 He courageously shared the truth about Jesus. v.35
- The Ethiopian obeyed the Lord by <u>humbling</u> himself with a teachable spirit. vv.31 & 34
- The Ethiopian obeyed the Lord by <u>trusting</u> in Christ, & <u>testifying</u> of Christ through Believer's baptism. vv.35b-39
- Philip obeyed the Lord by baptizing the new convert without hesitation. v.38
- The Ethiopian obeyed the Lord by <u>rejoicing</u> in Christ, & sharing the Gospel as he went home. v.39
- Philip obeyed the Lord by preaching the Gospel <u>everywhen</u> & <u>everywhere</u> he went. v.40
- <u>Jesus</u> obeyed The Father perfectly, so that we might have our own <u>divine appointments</u>. vv.32-33
- When we obey the Lord, we can experience the <u>supernature</u> of divine appointments.