

As we continue our journey through the book of the Acts of the Apostles, we begin to see how the church operates. What we refer to as ‘normal’ Christian living. We have looked at Stephen, standing firm in the face of opposition. Now we look at Philip and traits of a ‘follower’ of Jesus.

If we are to Follow Like Philip, we must develop an Available Obedience

Available Obedience v. Delayed Obedience – The story of two dogs

The obedience that comes of faith is of a noble sort. The obedience of a slave ranks a little higher than the obedience of a well-trained horse or dog, for it is tuned to the crack of the whip. Obedience which is not cheerfully rendered is not the obedience of the heart and, consequently, is of little worth before God. If the man obeys because he has no opportunity of doing otherwise and if, were he free, he would at once become a rebel—there is nothing in his obedience. The obedience of faith springs from a principle within and not from compulsion without. It is sustained by the mind's soberest reasoning and the heart's warmest passion. Charles Spurgeon, The Obedience of Faith, 1890

Following In the Face of Suffering

- **Suffering draws us closer to Jesus**
- **Suffering often leads to Gospel Advance**

Acts 1:8, “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Following in the Face of Success

Arthur Pink – the Life of Elijah, “How often we think we are trusting in the Lord, when really we are resting on comfortable circumstances; and when they become uncomfortable, how much faith have we?”

Following in the Face of Obscurity

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