



Power From on High

Series: Power From On High.

Title: What does it means God
draws us?

Lesson: 52

Text: Acts 8:25-40

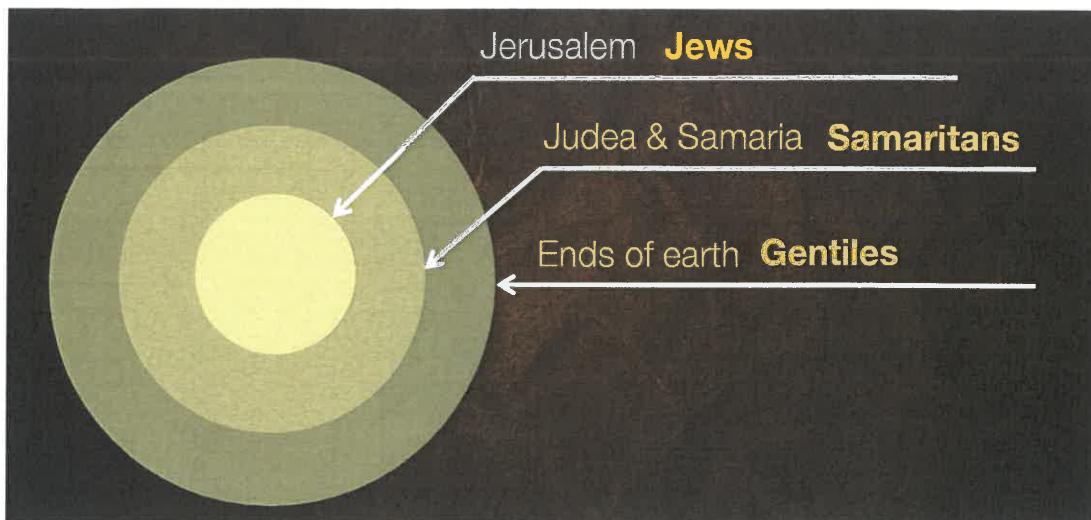
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Four different responses to the gospel:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

The story of the eunuch is important:

1. Because of its details and length.
2. The eunuch is the first gentile to get saved.
3. We get a behind the scenes peak at how people get saved.



Acts 8:25 So, when they had solemnly testified and spoken the word of the Lord, they started back to Jerusalem, and were preaching the gospel to many villages of the Samaritans.

Acts 8:26–40 But an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip saying, “Get up and go south to the road that descends from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a desert road.) 27 So he got up and went; and there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure; and he had come to Jerusalem to worship, 28 and he was returning and sitting in his chariot, and was reading the prophet Isaiah. 29 Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go up and join this chariot.” 30 Philip ran up and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and said, “Do you understand what you are reading?” 31 And he said, “Well, how could I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

32 Now the passage of Scripture which he was reading was this: "He was led as a sheep to slaughter; And as a lamb before its shearer is silent, So He does not open His mouth. 33 "In humiliation His judgment was taken away; Who will relate His generation? For His life is removed from the earth." 34 The eunuch answered Philip and said, "Please tell me, of whom does the prophet say this? Of himself or of someone else?" 35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him. 36 As they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?"

37 And Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." 38 And he ordered the chariot to stop; and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch, and he baptized him. 39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; and the eunuch no longer saw him, but went on his way rejoicing. 40 But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he kept preaching the gospel to all the cities until he came to Caesarea.

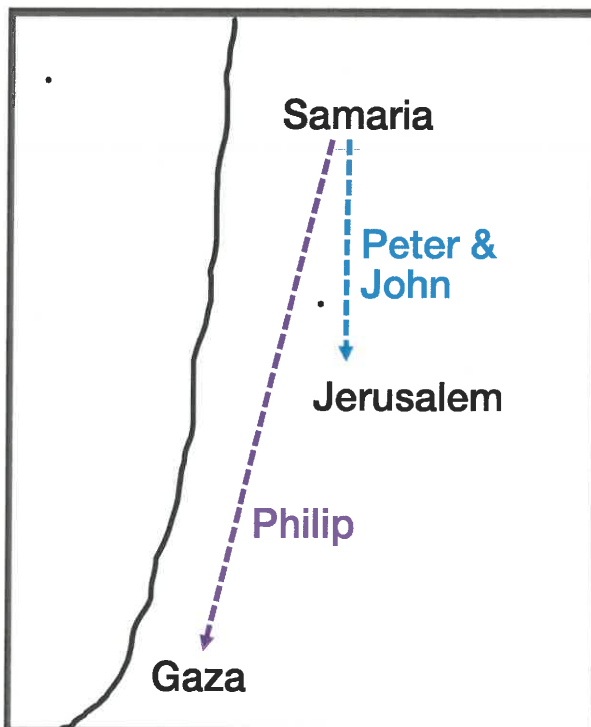
Three essential elements to salvation:

1. God's _____
2. The _____
3. Saving _____

1. God's sovereignty

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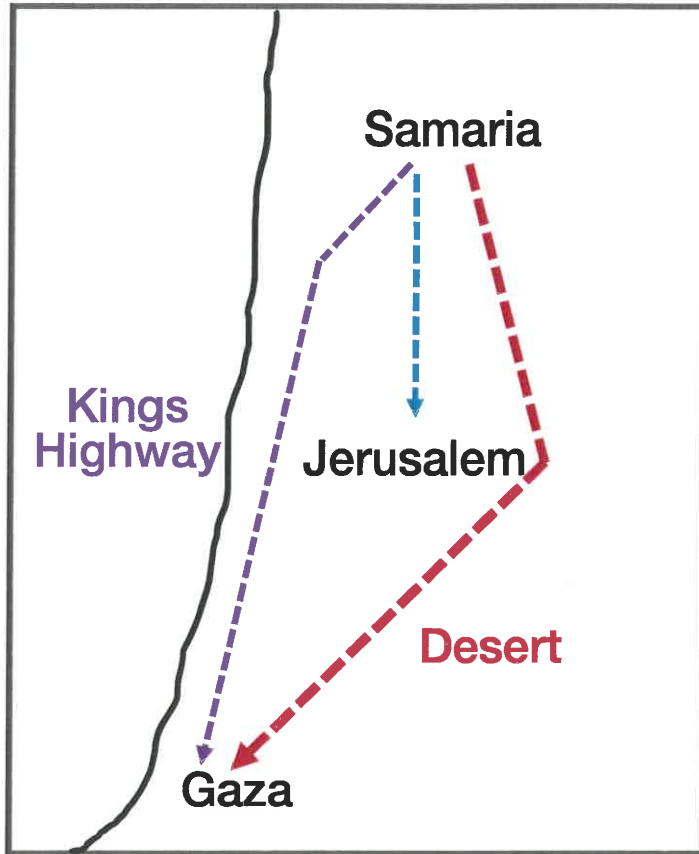
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Luke 15:7 "I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over **ONE SINNER** who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

God sovereignty orchestrates every divine evangelistic _____.

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Reformed theology begins with

Ephesians 2:1–3 And you were **DEAD** in your trespasses and sins,

1 Corinthians 2:14 But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.

“natural man” > “foolishness”

Romans 3:10–11 as it is written, “There is none righteous, not even one; 11 There is none who understands, There is none who **SEEKS** for God;

Isaiah 64:6–7 For all of us have become like one who is unclean, And all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment; And all of us wither like a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

7 There is no one who **CALLS** on Your name, Who **AROUSES HIMSELF** to take hold of You;

For You have hidden Your face from us And have delivered us into the power of our iniquities.

2 Corinthians 4:3–4 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, 4 in whose case the god of this world has **BLINDED** the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

“How can spiritually dead unbelievers be saved?”

Genesis 3:8–13 They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife **HID** themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

9 Then the Lord God **CALLED** to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?” 10 He said, “I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked;

so I hid myself.” 11 And He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” 12 The man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate.” 13 Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” And the woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

Romans 9:14–16 What shall we say then? There is no injustice with God, is there?

May it never be! 15 For He says to Moses, “I will have **MERCY** on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.” 16 So then it does not depend on the man who wills or the man who runs, but on God who has mercy.

John 6:35–37 Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; he who **COMES** to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst. 36 “But I said to you that you have seen Me, and yet do not believe.

37 “All that the Father gives Me will **COME** to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.

John 6:44 “No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me **DRAWS** him; and I will raise him up on the last day.

“**draws**” - John 21:6

John 12:32 “And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will **DRAW** all men to Myself.”

“**all**”

Jeremiah 31:3 The Lord appeared to him from afar, saying, “I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore I have **DRAWN** you with lovingkindness.

_____ **grace**

**Drawing grace is the love of God _____
moving unbelievers in the direction of the gospel.**

[proorizo] -

**God decrees not only the end, but also the
_____ by which that end is achieved.**

Ephesians 1:4–5 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love

5 He **PREDESTINED** us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will,

6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

Romans 8:28–30 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. 29 For those whom He foreknew, He also **PREDESTINED** to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He

*Drawing
Grace*

Foreknew → Predestined → Called → Justified → Glorified

would be the firstborn among many brethren; 30 and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

How do we know if an unbeliever is being drawn?

**They will be interested and _____
to God's Word.**

Discussion Guide

1. It's clear from Scripture that God uses angels to minister to believers today, but do you believe they speak to us? Was Philip's angel transitional or normative for today? Was it prescriptive or descriptive?
2. In the essentials class I always ask what has to take place for someone to be saved. The first response is most often "faith". Why is that not the right answer?
3. How should the fact that God orchestrates all divine evangelistic appointments affect our view of evangelism?
4. Think back on your own salvation experience. What circumstances or what people did God use to prepare and draw you to Christ?
5. Share all the ways that God could use to draw unbelievers to salvation.
6. As a result of today's sermon, what do you believe God is trying to impress upon your heart?

ANSWERS: Rejection, Indifference, Believing unbelief, Saving Faith, sovereignty, gospel, faith, appointment, Total Depravity, Drawing, secretly, Predestination, means, receptive