



## **Prayer and the Supernatural Guidance of True Community: How the Lord guided the church through prayer.**

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*"But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on His own; He will speak only what He hears, and He will tell you what is to come. He will bring glory to Me by taking what is mine and making it known to you."* John 16:13-14

Principles from the Ministry of Philip the Evangelist - Acts 8

1. Your identity doesn't change no matter the circumstances.

*"Those who had been scattered preached the Word wherever they went. Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed Christ there."* Acts 8:4

2. When you hear from the Lord, don't hesitate, start out.

*"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..."* Acts 8:26-27

3. The destination is not always the destination. What happens on the way is why you are on the way.

*"So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch...The Spirit told Philip, 'Go to that chariot and stay near it.'"* Acts 8:27-29

4. Be prepared for the Holy Spirit moments in your life.

*"Philip heard the man reading from Isaiah the prophet. 'Do you understand what you are reading?' Philip asked.... Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus."* Acts 8:30-35

5. When the Holy Spirit leads you, stay until He leads you elsewhere.

*"As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, 'Why shouldn't I be baptized?' ...Philip baptized him. 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 away rejoicing."* Acts 8:36-39

6. Your life is not your own. You've been saved by grace to serve the purposes of the Master.

*"Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea."* Acts 8:40