

This week has been a pretty long week for a lot of us. And it's hard to believe that May is already almost over. It doesn't seem like it should be just a second week. But it seems like every day in the rest of the month there's something going on. And we get this. The more busy we get, the more we forget about things. The more we put things off where we put things behind us.

And I was talking with someone last week because they reminded me that I get a little too busy sometimes. She was telling me because she gets really busy, and when she gets busy, she loses sight of reading the Bible. And I asked her like, what do you mean by you lose sight? You just not do it? Do you forget about it? Do you not want to do it? And she says, well, I want to do it. But I get busy, and I get distracted. And I don't do it. And then I just rushed through it. So, then, when I rush through it, I don't really focus on what I'm reading. And I forget about things. So, I said, okay, well, let's sit down then. When do you read? She's Like, well, I read this devotional in the morning, and I read this devotional in the afternoon, and I read this devotional at night. And I'm like, if you forget two of those, you're already reading more than most people do in an entire week.

But it means a lot to her, and so we started going through the devotions. I'm like, all right, when you read this one this morning, right? She's like, no? Well, you're coming over, so I didn't need to read it. Okay, like when I leave, will you read this one when I leave. She's like, no, you've been here today. I don't need to read these other three, these other two. I'm, like, well, now you're just making excuses.

So, we talked more about it, and she handed me this binder, about that thick. And, I am like, what's this? She's, like with these, are scriptures that I like. Okay, so let's go through them. So, we open it up, and it's a lot of one and two line scriptures. Starts off with scripture from Psalms and Proverbs and Isaiah. I'm like well, that makes perfect sense. Those are good ones, they're solid ones that you don't really need a lot of new background and backstory. They're good ways to start, and keep going through the book. And she's got a couple from First Peter. She's got a couple from First John. None of the gospels, which I thought was interesting. And this kind of a little section on Revelation.

I'm like, let's talk about this part. Let's talk about Revelation. You've got this one scripture four times. I'm like why? She's like, what is it? Well, you tell me, it's your book. Well, I don't know what it is. I'm like well, obviously it meant something to you at some point. So, did you write it down because it meant something to you, or did you write it down because of what the devotional said? She's, like, well, I think it was because of what the devotional said. I'm like, all right, let's go back to the beginning. Tell me some of the scriptures in this book. She listed off Proverbs, and then listed off Psalms. And she listed off some from Isaiah. Like, so these do mean something to you.. They mean more to you than some of the others, And I'm not saying that Revelation is something that you shouldn't find inspiration in. It is just a unique one. She's, like, well, I need you to tell me why I wrote this one down. And that got me thinking about today's scripture. I remember reading this scripture in Sunday school and confirmation. And I remember when I read the beginning of this week, thinking why would I want to read this on Mother's Day. It doesn't seem like a good Mother's Day scripture. And I started to think about it. I know everything in this. I know who Philip is. I know what a eunuch is. If you don't know what a eunuch is, we'll glad to explain it afterwards.

We're still thinking about these things. It's like, why? Why? Why? We know all of this, right? We know what the scripture says. We know that this gentile is wandering around Jerusalem. Has a scroll at the reading from Isaiah, and they're trying to understand it. But they don't because they don't have the background for it, right? And Phillips the Apostle is going to come because he's led by the Holy Spirit and tell him what it means. And he will save the eunuch. Wrong. All of that is wrong. But all this time, I thought that's what it meant.

The Ethiopian Is an Ethiopian Jew. He's actually a descendant of King Solomon.

The word of the original used for eunuch meant one of higher power. So, this person is a descendant of King Solomon, and more than likely these are relative to the queen. And he's higher in their court system than just an average person. So, he goes to Jerusalem regularly to worship. He goes, and he knows these things. HE could probably recite Isaiah back and forth. But what he doesn't know is what's happened to Jesus. He knows that things have happened, but he doesn't know that he has been resurrected at this point. He doesn't know any of this. So Philip, and this Philip is actually just a regular person. It's not the Apostle Philip. It's somebody like you and me. Somebody that has heard the story, who has heard the gospel and loves sharing it. Somebody that loves sharing this wisdom. Loves talking about the righteous life and how to be a good person. Reminds him of the two rules. Love no God, above ours, and treat your neighbor as yourself. This Philip is taking the time to sit and talk with a stranger who is lost. Who's concerned, who's lost and trying to find his way. Everything that he's been taught and understands is different now. Now, he knows that by going into Jerusalem and seeing a hearing, all the stories but not fully understanding, until somebody takes the time to share God's word and love with him. And he was baptized again because he realizes that Jesus was the Messiah. He realizes that he died so that we can live. He's given all of this great knowledge and hope and faith because somebody like you took the time to share with him. All this time, I thought that it had to be somebody like a pastor or a priest or an apostle that helps clear what the Bible says and what the Bible means. But it's not. It's everybody. Everybody has this power within them. God wrote is coming on our hearts. He speaks to us during the quiet times. He helps us share his love with others.

Back to my friend.

I asked her why is this story from Revelation so important to you. And she told me again, she was, like, I don't know, because I need somebody to explain it to. I said so, let's take the time and go through this together. There are other people out there right now who are lost and trying to find their way. There are other people out there who are looking for help. All we have to do is take the time to listen. They know the way of God. They know how to live a righteous life. They know how to be strength for everyone, But sometimes It's hard to be that strength. You get lost in the Wilderness, You get lost in your day-to-day routine. You get lost in the sudden changes to happen in your life. We need to remind these people that they're not alone. We're there to help them and make clarity of all this. Let us pray.