THE BOOK OF ACTS
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DIVINE APPOINTMENTS

SCRIPTURE

The Holy Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and walk along beside the (Eunuch's) carriage." Philip ran over and heard the man reading from the prophet Isaiah. Philip asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" The man replied, "How can I, unless someone instructs me?" And he urged Philip to come up into the carriage and sit with him. The passage of Scripture he had been reading was this: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter. And as a lamb is silent before the shearers, He did not open His mouth. He was humiliated and received no justice. Who can speak of His descendants? For His life was taken from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, was the prophet talking about himself or someone else?" Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture Philip told him the Good News about Jesus. Acts 8:29-35

A MATURING & MOBILIZING CHURCH

Churches do not have the option to focus on discipleship or evangelism. It's both!

Go therefore and **make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **teaching them** to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. Matthew 28:19-20

DIVINE APPOINTMENTS (v.29)

Divine appointments can be "random" encounters with a stranger. But also a "now" moment with loved ones.

DILIGENT ACTIONS (v.29, 35)

1/ Be pure, because how you live adds to or subtracts from what you say.

2/ Be prayerful, because the Holy Spirit makes all the difference.

3/ Be prepared, because Christianity is an intelligent faith.

If someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. But do this in a gentle and respectful way. 1 Peter 3:15-16

4/ Be polite, because kindness leads people to repentance.

5/ Be present, because people need you and your message.

"People don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care."

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6/ Be patient, because everyone is at a different place in their faith journey.

7/ Be persistent, because the time is fleeting.

8/ Be practical, because everyone needs a next step.

A CULTURE OF INVITATION

The probability of non-believers attending is high, while the participation of believers inviting is low.

Touching the presence of Jesus often comes before a relationship with Jesus.

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