

Finding My Place in God's Story

One Big Story – Part 1

“It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for...part of the overall purpose he (God) is working out in everything and everyone.” Ephesians 1:11-12 (Msg.)

Keys to Finding My Place

(Acts 8:26-39)

1) Be open and obedient to God's leading

“An angel of the Lord said to Philip, ‘Get ready and go south to the road that leads down to Gaza from Jerusalem—the desert road.’ So Philip got ready and went...” vs. 26-27a (NCV)

“The eunuch had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and he was now returning. Seated in his carriage, he was reading aloud from the book of the prophet Isaiah.” vs. 27b-28 (NLT)

“God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. For in him we live and move and have our being.” Acts 17:27-28 (NIV)

2) Be willing to give and receive help from others

“Philip ran toward the chariot, he heard the man reading from Isaiah the prophet. Philip asked, ‘Do you understand what you are reading?’ He answered, ‘How can I understand unless someone explains it to me?’ Then he invited Philip to climb in and sit with him.” vs. 30-31 (NCV)

“When we get together, I want to encourage you in your faith, but I also want to be encouraged by yours.”

Romans 1:12 (NLT)

3) Be courageous enough to take the next step

“And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him.” vs. 38 (NIV)

“In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.” James 2:17 (NIV)