



Philip the Evangelist

Acts 8

Reaching the Lost

- **Luke 15:1-2** - Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”
- **Luke 15:7** - Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.
- **Romans 10:14** - How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?

Philip – The Evangelist

- **Acts 21:8** - On the next day we departed and came to Caesarea, and we entered the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, and stayed with him. ⁹ He had four unmarried daughters, who prophesied.

4 Lessons from Philip the Evangelist

1. Obedience

2. Go to Where You are Needed – Not Where You
Want to Go

3. Preach the Gospel

4. Focus on People – Not Numbers

Obedience

- **Acts 8:4-5** - Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word. ⁵ Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ.

Obedience – Keeping His Commandments

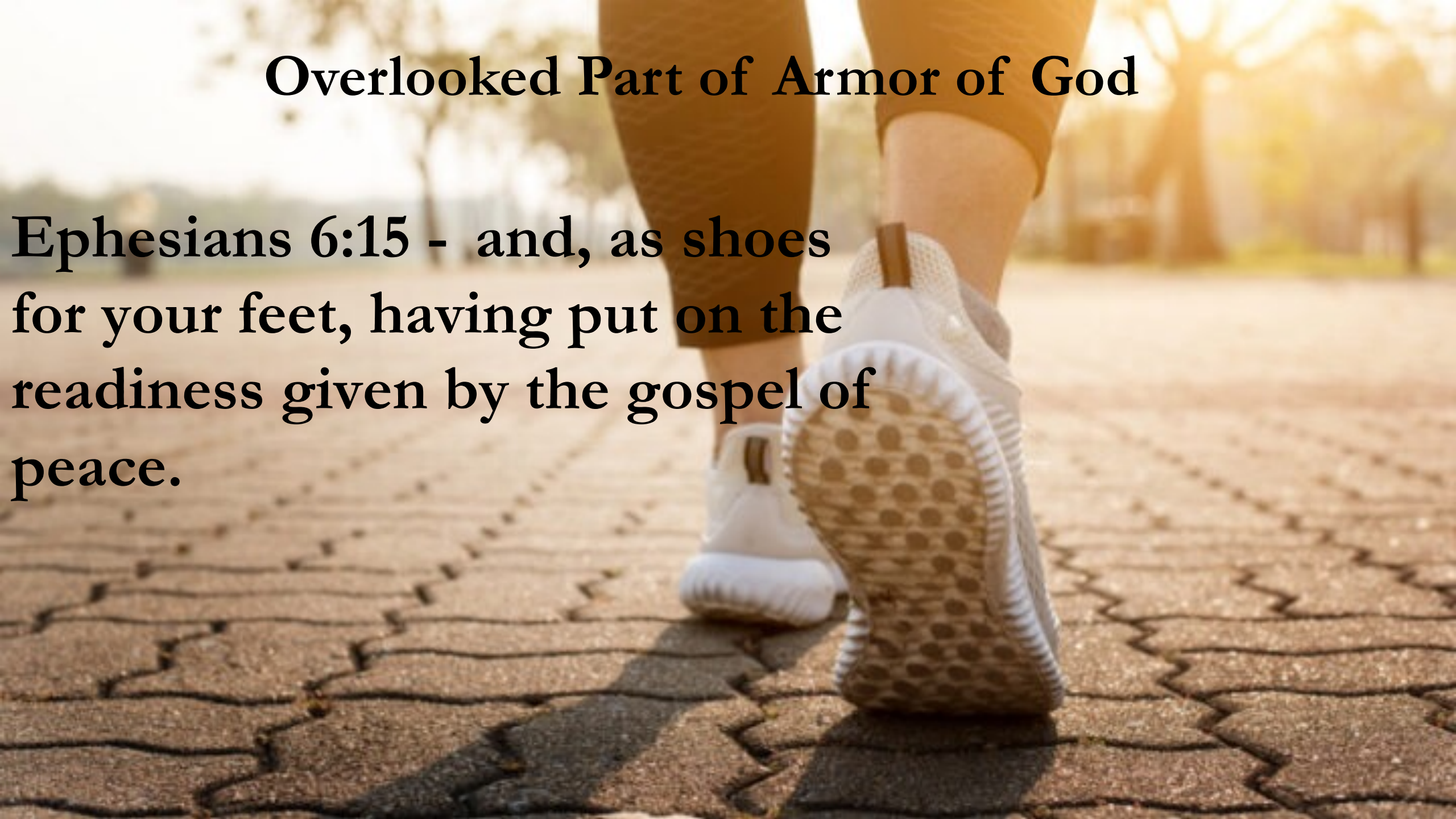
- **1 John 2:3** - And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments.
- **1 John 5:3** - For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.

Go to Where You are Needed Not Where You Want to Go

- **Acts 8:6-8** - And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip, when they heard him and saw the signs that he did. ⁷ For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. ⁸ So there was much joy in that city.

Overlooked Part of Armor of God

Ephesians 6:15 - and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.



The Gospel Brings Joy

- **Proverbs 17:22** - A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.
- **John 15:11** - These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.
- **1 Peter 3:15** - but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect

Preach the Gospel

- **Acts 8:12** - But when they believed Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

Preach the Gospel

- **Isaiah 55:10-11** - “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
- **Acts 8:25** - Now when they had testified and spoken the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel to many villages of the Samaritans.

Focus on People – Not Numbers

- **Acts 8:26-29** - Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. ²⁷ And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.”

Meet People Where They Are

- **Acts 8:30-31** - So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?”³¹ And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

Always Direct the Conversation to Jesus

- **Acts 8:34-35** - And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus.

The Word of God

- **Acts 8:36-38** - And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?”³⁸ And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him.
- **Hebrews 4:12** - For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.