

Day 39. Friendship

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At a time when various forms of fundamentalist intolerance are damaging relationships between individuals, groups and peoples, let us be committed to living and teaching the value of respect for others, a love capable of welcoming differences, and the priority of the dignity of every human being over his or her ideas, opinions, practices and even sins. Even as forms of fanaticism, closed-mindedness and social and cultural fragmentation proliferate in present-day society, a good politician will take the first step and insist that different voices be heard.”

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Scripture

Acts 8:26-39 NCB



Then the angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and head south along the road that leads from Jerusalem down to Gaza, the desert road.” Therefore, he got up and set out. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, an official at the court of the Candace, that is, the queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was now returning home. As he sat in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah.

Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go up and join that chariot.” When Philip ran up, he heard him reading from the prophet Isaiah, and he asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?”

He replied, “How can I, unless I have someone to instruct me?”

Then he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.

This was the Scripture passage he had been reading: