

# Your Story

## When Obedience Doesn't Make Sense (Wk.2)

### LifeNotes

## TALK IT OVER

### Main Idea

When we say YES to God, our stories become extraordinary.

### Key Scriptures

*Do not quench the Spirit.*

1 Thessalonians 5:19

*Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake. This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it." Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. Acts 8:26-31*

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.*  
Proverbs 3:5-6

**Our job is to obey. God's job is everything else.**

### Discerning God's Leading:

1. Does it agree with Scripture?
2. Does it begin with love?
3. Does it bring glory to God?

### Start talking.

- Describe a time when you felt led to act, but suppressed it?
- What was it that kept you from acting?
- Why would God want you to step out from what is comfortable?

### Start thinking.

- Read 1 Thessalonians 5:19. Joel explain that "quench" means to, extinguish and snuff out. How can you and I do that in response to a leading from God?
- Rea Act 8:26-31. What might have been reasons for Philip not to say YES to God's leading?
- Why does God often invite us to do the thing that doesn't make immediate sense?

### Start sharing.

- Read Proverbs 3:5-6. Pull these verses apart. What are the three steps you and I are to take? What is God's promise?
- Which of the three steps is most difficult for you?
- Do you struggle to understand leadings from God?
- Of the three steps for "Discerning God's Leading", which do you need to lean into more?

### Start doing.

- This week write down the 1-2 things you feel God is leading you to do.
- Process those things through the lens of the three steps for "Discerning God's Leading."
- Step forward in faith, and do it!

### Closing prayer.

God is always inviting us to take another step forward in trusting Him. Those steps may seem crazy, outside your comfort zone, or even just silly. I encourage you to pray for faithfulness and courage. Remember, when we say YES to God, our stories become extraordinary!