

## Driven by the Holy Spirit

Acts 6:1-7 Philip is chosen by God

Acts 8:1-13 Philip is empowered by God

Acts 8:26-40 Philip is driven by God

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**Have you been chosen by God?** How do you see yourself? How do you think God sees you?

1. Paul's self images included:
  - a. Servant of Jesus Christ (Rom1, Phil1, Titus1)
  - b. Called to be an Apostle (Rom1, 1Cor1, 2Cor1, Gal1, Eph1, Col1, 1Tim, 2Tim, Titus1)
  - c. Set apart for the gospel of God (Rom1)
  - d. Prisoner of Christ (Philemon1)
2. Other Apostles
  - a. Servant of Jesus Christ (Rev1, Jude1, 2Peter1, James1)
  - b. Called to be an Apostle (2Peter1, 1Peter1)

**Have you been empowered by God?** Can you provide examples?

1. Philip's Empowerment:
  - a. Miraculous Signs (Acts 8:6a & 13c) [Specifically healing and casting out of demons]
2. In what capacity were other Biblical characters empowered?
  - a. Breaking laws of nature (Moses – plagues, separating waters, shoes, manna...)
  - b. Healing and casting out of demons
  - c. Preaching or acting boldly
  - d. Given divine wisdom, tongues, dreams and the ability to interpret
  - e. There is simply no limit to God's creativeness in this arena
3. If we are living in holy obedience, we are God's chosen ambassadors... the full authority of heaven is there to enable you.

**Are you driven by God?** (Philip hears and obeys the voice of the Lord)

1. Do you hear the voice of your shepherd? How? If not, why not?
2. What is God driving you toward? (What is our response to God?)

Can you imagine living a life truly dependant on God... following His promptings at a drop of a dime, obeying His voice without hesitation, breaking the chains of societal norms and expectations... transitioning from the daily drudgery of life to the uncomfortably unpredictable adventures of living for Christ alone. Where are we on this scale as a church, kinship... as individuals?