

High-Jacked “Faith-Lift”

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Main Scripture: Acts 8:1-8, 26-40

Referenced Scripture: Acts 6:1-5, John 4:1-14, Luke 10:30-37, Judges 6-7

OPEN:

1. What in particular spoke to you from Pastor Bob’s message?
2. When it comes to the lost and hurting Christians either respond in faith or don’t respond out of fear. Explain.

DIG DEEPER:

1. In **Acts 8** we find four procedures to a faith-lift as seen in the life of Philip. The first procedure is to have an *overarching burden for the lost and hurting*, as we see in **Act 8:4-8**. We all know Christians who clearly demonstrate this and those who do not. What is it about the ones who do, as well as the ones who do not demonstrate this nature?
2. The second procedure, seen in **Acts 8:26-27**, is *offering of obedience*. We demand obedience from our children, employees, and even our pets. But our own offer of obedience to God is often hindered. What is it that holds us back from obediently responding to God?
3. The third procedure to a faith-lift, is found in **Acts 8:29-30, 35, 38**- *overcome the obstacles*. The Bible is replete with examples of lives that have overcome obstacles. Why does the Lord want to see us obediently exercise our faith in overcoming obstacles? How much are you willing to commit to overcome obstacles so that God’s purposes may be fulfilled in your life?
4. The fourth procedure, seen in **Acts 8:39-40**, is *being open to all opportunities*. How effectively do you recognize the opportunities to “*Arise and go*” and minister to the lost and hurting whom the Lord brings into your life everyday? How does inconvenience, discomfort, or failure hinder you from responding in faith?
5. Pastor Bob reminded us of two practical ingredients to lift your faith- the first being *Salt*, of which Jesus used to illustrate spiritual realities in **Matthew 5:13**. How can spiritual “salt” stimulate taste, thirst, things that are temporary, and stimulate truth?
6. The second practical ingredient is *Light*, as Jesus teaches in **Matthew 5:14-16**. In what way can our “light” stimulate the vine, our vision, our vows to the Lord, and the victory He has already provided?

REFLECT:

1. God allows us to participate in building His kingdom. How do you see this as a privilege?
2. Describe the faith-lift you can use today to prepare for that awesome wedding day in heaven?

MEMORY VERSE:

Matthew 5:16

“*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*”

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