

An Excerpt From 'Who is the Holy Spirit? Lectio Divina Journal'



As you go through this Lectio Divina, open your mind and heart to the Holy Spirit. You will begin to experience a closer relationship with the Person of Jesus Christ. This experience will be more than just journaling. It will also be the beginning of a lifelong conversation and friendship with God. The more you ponder His Word—slowly meditating on the questions and listening to what Christ desires to communicate to you, the deeper your friendship with Jesus will become.

Be Open to the Spirit

Father, open my eyes to see Your Word revealed to me. Anoint me with Your Holy Spirit so that as I read Your eternal Word, it may penetrate my whole being and transform me into a faithful disciple of Christ. Amen.

Read Acts 8:26–40

Then the angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, “Get up and head south on the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza, the desert route.” So he got up and set out. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, that is, the queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury, who had come to Jerusalem to worship, and was returning home. Seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. The Spirit said to Philip, “Go and join up with that chariot.” Philip ran up and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and said, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone instructs me?” So he invited Philip to get in and sit with him. This was the scripture passage he was reading:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he opened not his mouth.
In (his) humiliation justice was denied him.
Who will tell of his posterity?
For his life is taken from the earth.”

Then the eunuch said to Philip in reply, “I beg you, about whom is the prophet saying this? About himself, or about someone else?” Then Philip opened his mouth and, beginning with this scripture passage, he proclaimed Jesus to him. As they traveled along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “Look, there is water. What is to prevent my being baptized?” Then he ordered the chariot to stop, and Philip and the eunuch both went down into the water, and he baptized him. When they came out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, but continued on his way rejoicing. Philip came to Azotus, and went about proclaiming the good news to all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

Reflect and Write it Down

Write down the symbol(s) that shows the Holy Spirit’s presence in the passage.

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Father, Your Word touches the heart. What are you saying to me in this Scripture?

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The gift of knowledge guides us in knowing what to believe and how to share it with others. Philip was open to the Holy Spirit and went up to the Ethiopian’s chariot. How did the Spirit’s gift of knowledge guide his instruction?

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The Ethiopian was docile, willing to be taught, and listened attentively to Philip’s teaching. How did he respond when he saw the water?

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Ask this question in prayer:

“Spirit of the living water, show me how I can be more attentive to your gentle promptings. How can I be more docile and willing to listen and be taught?”

Write down what you hear Him saying to you.

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