

Living as a Minority 9: We Are the Scattered

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Acts 8.4-40 (esp. 26-40) ; Mt 15.21-28

Introduction

CCT: Christ's forgiveness and life is for _____ those who are mutilated in body and soul.

I. The Context in Acts

Acts 1:8: ". . . You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

II. Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

Acts 8:26-35

Good news about Jesus:

Matthew 28:19–20 (ESV)

¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

III. Importance of Witness to the Eunuch

A. What is a “Eunuch”?

Deuteronomy 23:1 (ESV)

¹ “No one whose testicles are crushed or whose male organ is cut off shall enter the assembly of the LORD.”

Leviticus 21:17–21 (ESV)

¹⁷ Speak to Aaron, saying, “None of your offspring throughout their generations who has a blemish may approach to offer the bread of his God. ¹⁸ For no one who has a blemish shall draw near, a man blind or lame, or one who has a mutilated face or a limb too long, ¹⁹ or a man who has an injured foot or an injured hand, ²⁰ or a hunchback or a dwarf or a man with a defect in his sight or an itching disease or scabs or crushed testicles. ²¹ No man of the offspring of Aaron the priest who has a blemish shall come near to offer the LORD’s food offerings; since he has a blemish, he shall not come near to offer the bread of his God.”

B. The Significance of Philip’s Witness

1. 1st Century A.D.

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The Ethan Meyer Family Benefit

Ethan Meyer, a lifelong member of St. Paul's, has been recently diagnosed with Glioblastoma (GBM), an aggressive brain cancer. This sort of diagnosis requires brain surgery, chemotherapy, and radiation which will lead to large medical bills.

Ethan has a long road ahead but is prepared to fight for what is most important to him, family. Join us and the Ethan Meyer Family, for a benefit to **Fight for Family**. These individuals are strong, loving, and humble and deserve our help. This will be a day of fun, entertainment, and, most of all, **FAMILY!**

Saturday, July 16th, 2016

Okauchee Lions Community Park

N48 W34350 E Wisconsin Ave, Okauchee, WI

Bags Tournament – Registration @ 10:30am

Kickball Tournament (\$10/Team)-Registration @ 10:30am

Live Auction – 3:00pm

Raffles and Live Music Throughout the Day

For details regarding the benefit

visit the Facebook Event Page:

Fight for Family: The Ethan Meyer Family Benefit

or email

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First Bank Financial Centre

155 W Wisconsin Avenue

Oconomowoc, WI 53066

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Isaiah 56:3–5 (ESV)

³ Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the LORD say, "The LORD will surely separate me from his people"; and let not the eunuch say, "Behold, I am a dry tree." ⁴ For thus says the LORD: "To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant, ⁵ I will give in my house and within my walls a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off."

2. Today

Conclusion

We're all _____ in one sense or another

We're all ...

Closing Hymn: God of Our Fathers

1. God of our fathers whose Almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the
skies
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise
2. Thy love divine hath led us in the past
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast
Be Thou our Ruler Guardian Guide and Stay
Thy word our law Thy paths our chosen way
3. From war's alarms from deadly pestilence
Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense
Thy true religion in our hearts increase
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace
4. Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way
Lead us from night to never ending day
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine
And glory laud and praise be ever Thine