

It is important to note that Phillip the apostle is different than Phillip the deacon that evangelized the Ethiopian Eunuch in Acts 8. Philip is referenced in several events in Jesus' life, but let's remember that although he is not named as much as some of the others, he was an eyewitness to most of all that Jesus said and did during His earthly ministry.

Last time we met, we read of Nathanael being called to follow Jesus- Philip was whom God used to bring him to Jesus. John 1:43-46.

1. Philip was sought by the Lord Jesus and called to follow. John 1:43

Luke 19:10 "For the Son of Man came **to seek** and **to save** the lost."

This has been the method of God since Adam and Eve were in the garden of Eden. **Gen. 3:8-9**. God called Noah and Abram. He came to Jacob and Joseph. He confronted Saul on the Road to Damascus. He called nations including Israel through the prophets. The Living Word of God is still going forth. He called you and I through His word and the Holy Spirit. **Ephesians 4:1-6**

Would you like to briefly share any facts about How God sought you out in particular that you are now aware of? What were the events leading up to your call from God.

2. Philip calculated food prices and failed to include the Jesus factor. John 6:5-10

The Bible does tell us to count the cost of following Jesus. **Luke 14:25-33**
The cost of following God is everything. We must lay down our lives to him.

If we are going to step out into some plan we should consider the cost as much as possible. We need to make sure we can complete it! However, we must always factor in God! It seems that God will always have circumstances in which we must completely trust Him. We will not have every "I" dotted or "T" crossed. **This requires faith.**

Balance is the key- those who are always cautious need to not be overly cautious and never step out in faith. "Without Faith it is impossible to please God" **Heb. 11:6**.

Those who love living on the edge need to make sure they do not test the Lord by overextending themselves and presuming things on God. **Matt. 4:6-7**

The phrase that Jesus "already knew what he was going to do" **John 6:6**. Should reassure all of us that in every challenge we face requiring us to believe though we do not see. God already knows what He is going to do.

In all our plans, in all our concerns, may we never forget to do things God's way and leave God room to work- when we do, He gets the glory!! **Proverbs 3:5-12**

There are other passages concerning Philip that are interesting- On your own look at John 12:19-22 and 14:8-11.

The primary resource for this study is
"The Twelve" by Leslie B. Flynn: Victor Books, Wheaton Illinois. 1982