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### **In Mourning:**

The Family of Esther Spridgeon

**Rev. Thomas Emery**  
***“Guided By the Spirit” Acts 8:26-40***  
***Salem Presbyterian Church***  
**May 3, 2015**

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### **TEACHING POINTS**

**Teaching Point One:** *Listen to what God says and act on it.* Philip and the eunuch give us God's plan in witnessing as we listen to the Spirit. When God nudges you to speak to someone or go somewhere, do it!

**Teaching Point Two:** *Just listen to the seeker and then tell them about what the Bible says about Jesus.* You don't have to have all the answers.

**Teaching Point Three:** *Every day ask God to help you find someone thirsty to know God.* Philip just kept on doing what God was calling him to do: "preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea." Listen for God to say to you what He said to his Son at his baptism: "You are my beloved child. I love you and I am well pleased with you!" If you want God to say that to you, take on the world for Jesus! "

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### **ACTION POINT**

This day, God is speaking to each of us about listening to Him and letting Him match us up with hungry, God-starved hearts. When we listen to His gentle urgings, we will find that there are many "eunuchs" in the world who want to know about Jesus, but don't know Him personally. How can they, unless someone explains to them? God will use you right where you are and help you. God and you together, can tell the world about Jesus. Can you become willing to follow God wherever He leads you?

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