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**The Case for Christ**  
*Investigating the Case for Christ*  
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**Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch**

*“Philip asked, ‘Do you understand what you are reading?’ The man replied, ‘How can I, unless someone explains it to me?’”*  
**(Acts 8:30 - 31)**

**SPIRITUAL STICKING POINTS**

**Sticking Point #1: I \_\_\_\_\_ believe.**

**Example of Thomas**

*“Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”* (John 20:25)

**How to get past this sticking point:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **God!**

*“You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”*  
(Jeremiah 29:13)

- Does science disprove Christianity?
- Is Jesus’ resurrection true?

**Sticking Point #2: I don’t \_\_\_\_\_ to believe.**

*“This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.”* (John 3:19)

- Do you have a fear of intimacy in general?
- Do you have a hidden obstacle with authority?

**Sticking Point #3: I don’t know \_\_\_\_\_ to believe.**

*“The eunuch asked Philip, ‘Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?’ Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.”* (Acts 8:34–35).

- It seems like the meaning of the Bible changes according to who interprets it. So, who is right?

*“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”* (Romans 6:23)

**Sticking Point #4: I do believe, isn’t that \_\_\_\_\_?**

*“You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that – and shudder.”* (James 2:19)

- I understand the Gospel, and I believe it’s true. But, I still feel like I’m at a sticking point. Why can’t I really connect with God?

**Key Point:** Believing is the first step, we must also \_\_\_\_\_!

*“But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God...”* (John 1:12)

**BELIEVE + RECEIVE = \_\_\_\_\_**  
**That’s what the Ethiopian Eunuch did!**

*“As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, ‘Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?’ And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him.”* (Acts 8:36-38)

**CONSIDER FOR YOURSELF**

**Where are you on the journey of investigating the case for Christ?**  
**What obstacles stand in your way?**