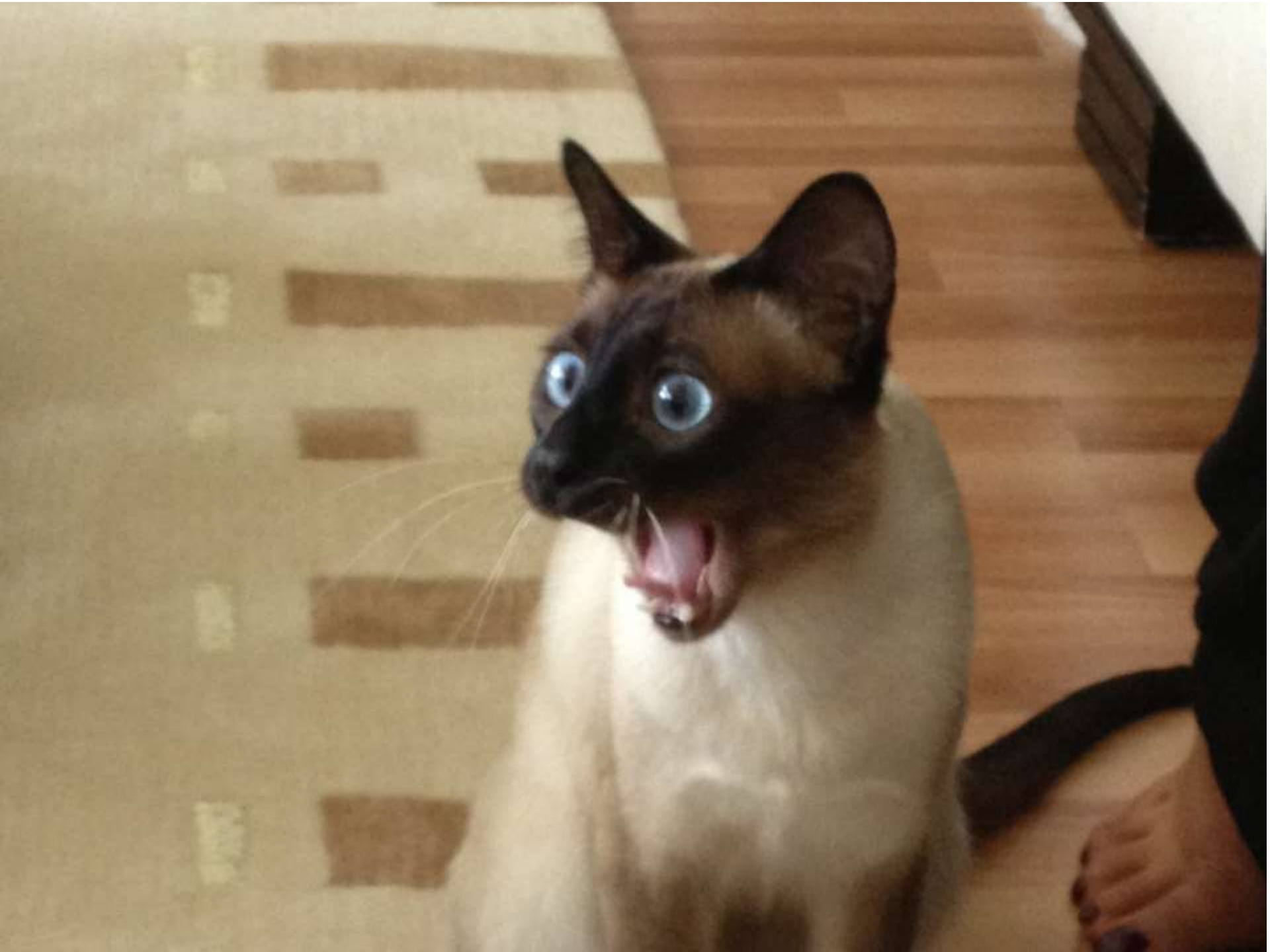




**Prepare to be
Astounded and
Amazed!**





Philip's Focus

- **⁴ Therefore, those who had been scattered went about [b]preaching the word.**
- ⁵ Philip went down to the city of Samaria and *began proclaiming [c]Christ to them.* ⁶ **The crowds with one accord were giving attention to what was said by Philip, as they heard and saw the [d]signs which he was performing.** ⁷ *For in the case of many who had unclean spirits, they were coming out of them shouting with a loud voice; and many who had been paralyzed and lame were healed.* ⁸ **So there was much rejoicing in that city.**



Message vs Method

- Euangelizo – sharing the message of Good News of Jesus
- Kerusso – to be a herald or a proclaimer – this is the METHOD Phillip employed
- Bold, confident, open, excited, URGENT
- Determined to draw attention to the truth and make people listen



That is AMAZING!

⁹ Now there was a man named Simon, who formerly was practicing *magic* in the city and **astonishing** the people of Samaria, claiming to be someone great; ¹⁰ and they all, from smallest to greatest, were giving attention to him, saying, “This man is what is called the Great Power of God.” ¹¹ And they were giving him attention because he had for a long time **astonished them** with his *magic* arts. ¹² But when they believed Philip preaching the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were being baptized, men and women alike. ¹³ Even Simon himself believed; and after being baptized, he continued on with Philip, and as he observed signs and great miracles taking place, **he was constantly amazed.**



We Sing Amazing Grace ...

- Is anyone really AMAZED anymore?
- The Church has too many spectators, waiting/wanting to be entertained
- We aren't supposed to sit on the sidelines, we are called to be on the FRONTLINES
- Telling our stories, becoming channels of the power of God, so people can encounter Him in astonishing, life-changing ways
- 3 Stories from yesterday



Power Encounters

The Holy Spirit will give
you the ability to tell
what *you have*
experienced - with
miraculous results!!!!



Outrageously Amazing Message!!

- deeply loved by God,
- fully accepted by God,
- completely and permanently forgiven by God,
- lavishly blessed by God,
- and eternally, perfectly embraced by God as his child; a child who brings Him unspeakable JOY