

THE GOSPEL *of* JOHN

CHAPTER 4:27-42

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“Bringing Others to Christ”

THE THEME OF BOOK:

John 1:12

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

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In 1963, the English coast guard

picked up a distress signal from a vessel off the coast of England that had run against the rocks and was sinking...

“There’s One More Man - There’s One More Man”

I Believe That’s How Jesus Thought as Well

John 4:4

And he must needs go through Samaria.

There a Woman had a Pulse,

She Breathed Air, She had her Space, But She Didn’t Have Much of a Life

She Comes to the Well for Water...

John 4:25-26

The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things." 26 Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He."

1.) *The (way) God can use just one person* vv. 27-30

2.) *The (will) that God has for each of us* vv. 31-38

3.) *The (word) that God has for the world*

vv. 39-42

1.) *The (way) God can use just one person*

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John 4:27-30

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The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, **29**
"Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?" **30**
Then they went out of the city and came to Him.

a.) *The disciples began to see with understanding* v.27

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The way God can use just one person

In the Life of Others - Disciples!!!

***They began to understand
That it was Jesus Here***

The Rabbis taught that
Women were not worthy of conversation

***But the Disciples
are Becoming urgent about the right***

Verse 27

**yet no one said, "What do You seek?" or,
"Why are You talking with her?"**

The way God can use just one person

b.) *The woman began to see with boldness*

v.28

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went her way into the city, **and said to the men,**

- 1.) then left **her waterpot**
- 2.) went her way into **the city**
- 3.) and said to **the men** (~~men~~)

THE men (all six of them)

John 4:16-18

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." 17 The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,' 18 "for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband...

Now the Woman is Becoming urgent about the right

Acts 4:13

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus.

She Came Thirsty *– But She Never Got a Drink* **then left her waterpot**

Matthew 4:18-22

And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. 19 Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." 20 They **immediately left their nets** and followed Him. 21 Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. And He called them, 22 and **immediately they left the boat** and their father, and followed Him.

The Lack of Urgency is a Grave Sign

Luke 14:16-20

Then He said to him, "A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, 17 "and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.' 18 "But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.' 19 "And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.' 20 "Still another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.'

The Lack of Urgency is a Grave Sign

The way God can use just one person

c.) *The men began to see with expectancy* v.29-30

29 "Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?"
30 Then **they** went out of the city and came to Him.

To Them – Her Verbal Testimony Meant Little, it was what they saw in her – LIFE. A REASON, A PURPOSE

- 1.) She Had Approached Them (the 6)
- 2.) They begin to entertain the possibility
- 3.) The level of interest is enough for them to get going

Becoming urgent about the right

When we begin to see

with understanding

that Jesus is out to save souls, every soul

and with boldness

knowing that the message that we have to give stands alone

and with expectancy

because people die daily and hell is real so the invitation goes daily to all who are in the world

expectancy

2.) *The (will) that God has for each of us*

vv. 31-38

John 4:31-38

31. In the meantime His disciples urged Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." **32** But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." **33** Therefore the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him anything to eat?" **34** Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. **35** "Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! **36.** "And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. **37** "For in this the saying is true: 'One sows and another reaps.' **38** "I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors."

***Doing God's will
is life to every true believer***

the "Will" is God's Desire for us

**God's will is that we take
as many people with us as is possible**

2 Peter 3:9

...not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

We must go to the world / We must tell the world

**But we must start with our Jerusalem (home)
see to it that our children know that way first**

The (will) that God has for each of us

a.) *We are energized by the Spirit when we obey v.31-34*

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They Weren't There

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John 17:4

"I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.

Energized by the Holy Spirit for Ministry

**You Will Never Know This
Unless You're There**

The Porsche – The Wing – The Speed

"Look at my wing, My Wing's bigger than your wing"

you can talk about that wing all day long but until you get it exposed to the element it was created for – It's just a piece of plastic!!!

**"Look at my Bible,
My Bible's bigger than your Bible"**

The (will) that God has for each of us

b.) You and I are to be working a field v.35

35 "Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!

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You and I are to be working a field

Matthew 9:36-38

But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. 37 Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. 38 "Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

Ephesians 2:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

You and I are to be working a field

2 Timothy 4:6-7

...my departure is at hand. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

The (will) that God has for each of us

c.) Every one of us has our calling in ministry v.36-38

"And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. 37 "For in this the saying is true: 'One sows and another reaps.' 38 "I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors."

WE SHALL REAP

Psalms 126:5-6

Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy. 6 He who continually goes forth weeping, bearing seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

1 Corinthians 3:5-9

Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? 6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. 7 So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. 8 Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor. 9 For we are God's fellow workers

John 20:21

So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has **sent** Me, I also **send** you."

John 17:14-15

"I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 15 "I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.

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John 4:39-42

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The Joy of Telling Others About Christ

a.) *Is sowing the word of God in hope* v.39

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Jesus' Public Ministry Began in Jerusalem

with Nicodemus, He then headed for Judea where His disciples were baptizing and now He has moved into Samaria...

Acts 1:8

...and you shall be witnesses to Me in **Jerusalem**, and in all **Judea** and **Samaria**, and to the end of **the earth**."

b.) *Is watching God increase its effect* v.40-41

40 So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. **41** And many more believed because of His own word.

c.) *Is harvesting what God has done* v.42

42 Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, **the Savior of the world**."

By Addressing Her They honored Her and Her Testimony the Savior of the world

1 Timothy 4:9-10

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. 10 For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe.

Acts 4:12

"Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

Philippians 2:10-11

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

John 20:21

So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, **I also send you.**"

Romans 10:13-15

For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." 14 How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!"

Application

1.) *The (way) God can use just one person* vv. 27-30

Doing God's will is life to every true believer

What do I do now

Understand what a believer is to do

2.) *The (will) that God has for each of us* vv. 31-38

You and I are to be working a field

Determine to go for it for God and to live differently – radically for His glory – and you'll never get thirsty or hungry

The joy of telling others about Christ

Learn how to tell others about what God has done
with you and for you