

THE WOMAN AT THE WELL
JOHN 4:27-42

TODAY WE CONTINUE IN JOHN'S GOSPEL CHAPTER 4. LAST WEEK CHEYENNE DID A GREAT JOB PREACHING ABOUT THE ENCOUNTER AT THE WELL JESUS HAD WITH A SAMARITAN WOMAN. THIS BEAUTIFUL INTENTIONAL ENCOUNTER BY JESUS CROSSED CULTURAL DIVIDES. JESUS WAS A JEWISH RABBI. RABBI'S DID NOT TALK TO WOMAN IN PUBLIC, MUCH LESS A GENTILE WOMAN. YET, OUR LORD KNEW HER HEART AND BEGAN TO MINISTER TO HER. THE LOVE OF GOD SEES SO MUCH DEEPER THAN OUR SIN AND OUR PAST. JESUS OFFERS THIS WOMAN SALVATION FIRST, THEN TELLS HER HE KNOWS SHE'S BEEN DIVORCED 5 TIMES AND IS CURRENTLY LIVING WITH HER BOYFRIEND. THIS IS GRACE AND LOVE. GOD KNOWS HE CAN TURN OUR MESS INTO HIS MESSAGE. HE CAN TAKE THE BROKEN, HEAL AND REPAIR US. HE FILLS US WITH HIS HOLY SPIRIT AND WE BECOME HIS MOUTHPIECE OF VICTORY IN JESUS CHRIST. SAVED AND REDEEMED BY THE BLOOD, THE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST SHINE BRIGHTLY IN THIS DARK WORLD. I THANK GOD FOR MY SALVATION AND FOR THE LIFE HE HAS GIVEN ME. THIS WOMAN AT THE WELL IS EQUALLY GRATEFUL. EVEN THOUGH SHE HAS NOT FULLY UNDERSTOOD WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO HER, WE WILL SEE TODAY THAT SHE EVANGELIZES WHAT SHE KNOWS TO THE VERY PEOPLE WHO SHUNNED HER. I WILL BACK TRACK A BIT

John 4:25-26 NIV

²⁵ The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”

²⁶ Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”

SAMARITAN'S STUDIED THE PENTATEUCH (THE FIRST FIVE BOOKS) SO SHE HAD KNOWLEDGE OF THE COMING MESSIAH NOW SHE HAS MET HIM IN PERSON, JESUS SAYS, "I AM GOD"

John 4:27 NIV

²⁷ Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?”

THIS IS THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD, HAD THEY COME BACK ANY SOONER OR NOT LEFT AT ALL THEIR CONVERSATION WOULD HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT.

NOTICE THE DISCIPLES KNOW TO LEAVE WELL ENOUGH ALONE. JESUS ALWAYS KNOWS WHAT HE'S DOING, EVEN WHEN IT CROSSES CULTURAL BOUNDRIES. GOD WILL SURPRISE US

John 4:28-30 NIV

²⁸ Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, ²⁹ “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?” ³⁰ They came out of the town and made their way toward him.

SHE FORGOT SHE WAS THIRSTY AND HURRIED TO TELL OTHERS WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO HER, SHE HAD BEEN CONVERTED

NOTICE SHE SAYS "HE TOLD ME EVERYTHING I EVER DID"
THIS IS THE GUILT AND SHAME SHE CARRIED WITH HER

TACTFULLY SHE SAYS, "COULD THIS BE THE MESSIAH?"
SHE KNOWS HER TESTIMONY IF TOO FORCEFUL, WOULD BE
DISREGARDED. "COME AND SEE FOR YOURSELF"

NOW PEOPLE WHO HEARD THIS SIMPLE TESTIMONY ARE
COMING TO MEET JESUS. KEEP IN MIND THE SPIRIT AT WORK

THIS SHOWS US THREE NONNEGOTIABLE TRUTHS:

1. SALVATION COMES TO THOSE WHO RECOGNIZE THEIR
DESPERATE NEED FOR SPIRITUAL LIFE THEY DO NOT HAVE.
SPIRITUAL LIFE COMES TO THE SPIRITUAL THIRSTY
2. SALVATION COMES TO THOSE WHO CONFESS, REPENT,
AND ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR SIN
3. SALVATION COMES TO THOSE WHO EMBRACE JESUS
CHRIST AS SAVIOR AND SIN BEARER

John 4:31-32 NIV

³¹ Meanwhile his disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat something."

³² But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you know
nothing about."

LORD, WE GOT YOU A DOUBLE DOUBLE ANIMAL STYLE
I HAVE FOOD THAT *YOU* KNOW NOTHING ABOUT

JESUS WAS PERFECT IN BEING INTENTIONAL WITH PURPOSE
HE KNOWS "THE WHY" OF HIS PURPOSE ON PLANET EARTH

WE CAN AND SHOULD LEARN FROM OUR LORD ABOUT LIFE
HERE ON THIS PLANET. WE GLORIFY GOD AND SPREAD THE
GOOD NEWS

John 4:33-34 NIV

³³ Then his disciples said to each other, “Could someone have brought him food?”

³⁴ “My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.

DID SOMEONE BRING HIM CHICK FILET?

JESUS IS LASER FOCUSED ON COMPLETING THE MISSION HE
WAS SENT HERE TO DO. HE IS THINKING VERTICALLY NOT
HORIZONTALLY

Deuteronomy 8:3 NIV

³ He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

GOD HAS BEEN TEACHING HIS PEOPLE HOW TO TRUST HIM
SINCE THE BEGINNING. HE MEETS OUR PHYSICAL NEEDS SO
WE CAN FOCUS ON OUR MISSION

MINISTRY IS SO SATISFYING TO THE SOUL. JESUS KNOWS THE
VALUE OF SOWING AND REAPING

John 4:35-36 NIV

³⁵ Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. ³⁶ Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together.

JESUS IS DROPPING SPIRITUAL BOMBS, "OPEN YOUR EYES"
"PEOPLE ARE RIPE IN DESPERATE NEED OF SALVATION"

NOW IS THE TIME TO WORK THE FIELDS OF OUR SPHERE OF
INFLUENCE LEADING PEOPLE TO SALVATION IN JESUS CHRIST

1 Corinthians 3:7-8 NIV

⁷ So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. ⁸ The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor.

SOMETIMES WE WILL SOW AND WATER SEEDS, SOMETIMES
WE WILL REAP WHAT OTHERS HAVE SOWN. WE REJOICE
TOGETHER

John 4:37-38 NIV

³⁷ Thus the saying 'One sows and another reaps' is true. ³⁸ I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor."

JESUS IS TALKING ABOUT PEOPLE LIKE MOSES, THE OT WRITERS AND PROPHETS, JOHN THE BAPTIST, AND JESUS SOWING AND WATERING, NOW THE DISCIPLES GET TO REAP THE HARVEST OF LEADING PEOPLE TO CHRIST. SAME FOR US CHURCH

John 4:39-40 NIV

³⁹ Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days.

ONCE AGAIN, WE SEE THAT A SIMPLE TESTIMONY BACKED WITH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT COMPLETES THE REAPING

THESE SAMARITANS (WHO HATED JEWS) ARE BEGGING JESUS TO STAY WITH THEM

John 4:41-42 NIV

⁴¹ And because of his words many more became believers.

⁴² They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world."

THERE WAS REVIVAL IN SYCHAR!! ONE TOUCH FROM JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING!!

THE HOLY SPIRIT ILLUMINATED THE WORDS OF JESUS AND THE MINDS OF THE HEARERS GIVING REVELATION THAT JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD

