

# PASSION TO SHARE THE GOSPEL John 4:26-42

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John's intentions as author is to show who Jesus to this woman who believes and will lead many to follow him. It's truly a remarkable missional experience for Jesus, giving an example for his disciples and us believers of what true cross-cultural evangelism looks like.

#### John 4:27-42

"Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" 28 So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, 29 "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" 30 They went out of the town and were coming to him. 31 Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." 32 But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." 33 So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him something to eat?" 34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. 35 Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. 36 Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. 37 For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' 38 I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." 39 Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." 40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. 41 And many more believed because of his word. 42 They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

## 1. <u>DELIGHTING</u> in God Leads to <u>DOING</u> Something For God. (v 27-30)

• True Worship is <u>ACTIVE</u>.

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. **22** On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' **23** And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness."

Matthew 7:21-23

## 2. Practicing the WORK and WILL of God Brings Spiritual NOURISHMENT. (v 31-38)

- Our <u>GOAL</u> is to glorify God by enjoying Him forever, which includes working within God's will to <u>MAKE</u> new worshippers.
- The Lord's <u>CALL</u> to do <u>EVANGELISM</u> contains promises of <u>REWARD</u>.
- 3. God <u>ENABLES</u> The Church To Continue The Work of <u>SHARING</u> the <u>WORDS</u> of Christ. (v38-42)
  - "FAITH comes from hearing, and hearing through the WORD of Christ."
    Romans 10:17

#### Salvation through Jesus Christ

The single most important decision a person could ever make in their lifetime is to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. The Bible says, "all have sinned and fall short of God's glory" and we don't deserve eternal life because the wages of sin is death". Yet through God's love, only "Christ gives us eternal life by grace through faith"... it is a gift of God. God's word says, That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead YOU WILL BE SAVED. The Bible says to REPENT of your sins. BELIEVE in Jesus receiving His forgiveness. Then, identify with Christ and start living a new life in obedience to God by being BAPTIZED.