

## **John Series 17 MINE- 4: 27-42 "Divine Food Distribution" 01/31/2021**

**Introduction: IL-** Joey Chestnut, Nathan's Hot Dog Eating Contest- July 4th, 2020

Chestnut won for a seventh time, eating a world record 77 hot dogs and buns in 10 minutes!

"My go-to food is hot dogs with buns!" Jesus tells us His "food" that sustained Him is doing the Father's will and bringing people into the family of God through faith in Him!

### **1- v. 27-30 "Come see a man who told me all that I ever did!"**

Disciples surprised- Rabbis- "Blessed art Thou, O Lord, who did not make me a woman!"  
Distraction from studying the Law.

They didn't understand His mission.

Her purpose in going to the well at high noon- avoid contact with her town's people.

Disciples- brought loaves. She- brought the souls of her own people.

Disciples were beginning to comprehend His loving style of ministry!

Another reason to "go through Samaria"- teach the disciples a lesson on outreach.

Water jar- she will return!

Stood up to those most likely to reject her message of hope and forgiveness!

### **2- v. 31-34 "I have food to eat that you do not know about!"**

'Rabbi'- 15 times in NT- 5 in John.

Deuteronomy 8: 3- "Man shall not live by bread alone!" [Tested by Satan in Matthew 4]

Luke 19: 10- "Son of Man is come to seek and save that which was lost!"

His food was to do Father's will and accomplish (design) His plans!

Samaritans were first ethnic group to know Jesus as Savior of the world! [Jews knew Him as Messiah]

Joyous abandon- fulfillment! Requires absolute obedience to His will and Word!

"You know not its virtue and power!"

Ripe, ready, rewarding, realistic.

Not a secret stash of food!

### **3- v. 35-38 "Look, I tell you- lift up your eyes and see!"**

Power of a single seed! Workers needed- Matthew 9: 37-38- "The harvest truly is plentiful but the laborers are few pray to the Lord of the harvest..."

Sometimes the same person is sower and reaper- no competition! John the B Baptist, Moses, Prophets- spread seed!

Not alone in work of the Lord- not wasted time or energy!

**IL-** Adoniram Judson in Burma (Karen people even today in Logan!)

Preparation, planting, patience- all with prayer!

"Moments ago- now look!"

Sowing/reaping are valued ministries- 1 Corinthians 3: 6- Paul planted, Apollos watered, "God gave the increase!"

Coming across the fields in the time it took to eat lunch!

### **4- v. 39-42 "...we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know...!"**

Looking for others to tell back home! Diamond in the rough- sparkled!

Start of reaching the Gentile world- Acts 1: 8, Philip in Acts 8.

Universal scope of the Good News!

Revival broke out- v. 41 No signs, lengthy sermons, miracles, (except greatest one- salvation!)

1 John 4: 14- "And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world.

Her greatest longing was fulfilled in Him- to be forgiven and right with God! Now a harvest!

**Conclusion: PIC IL-** Al Rice

**Communion-** Paul's testimony- 1 Timothy 1: 15, 16 "The grace of our Lord overflowed for me!"

1 Corinthians 11: 27-32 (Read)

Pray- Confess any bitterness, grudges, unkindness, God's call to be a sower/reaper-then partake worthily and with heart-felt joy!