John 4 Pt 2 All in a Day's Work vv 27-54

Jesus

John 4:25 "I know that Messiah is coming" . "When He comes, He will tell us all things." 26 Jesus said to her **I who speak to you am He**

Jesus is still with her at the well in Samaria

II. The Harvest is White

27 And at this point [Jesus] disciples came, and they marveled that He talked with a woman; yet no one said, "What do You seek?" or, "Why are You talking with her?"

They're faces said it all
What could You want from her? Why are You talking to her?

28 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?"**

Left her water pot
Former Prostitute: Now Evangelist/Ambassador of Christ

- Come see, He told me all the things I ever did
- Is the Christ? Jew. Sir. Prophet. Christ.

30 Then they went out of the city and came to Him.31 In the meantime His disciples urged Him, saying, "**Rabbi, eat**."

- We got You a King Size Snickers/Dr. Pepper

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?"**

John 3:12 If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, **how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?**

Fleshly/Earthly Thinking vs The Father's Program

Mathew 16:5 [After feeding 5000/4000 w/few loaves/fish] …when His disciples had come to the other side, they had forgotten to take bread. 6 Then Jesus said to them, "Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees." 7 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, ***"It is because we have taken no bread."*** **…11** How is it you do not understand that I did not speak to you concerning bread?—but to beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees." 12 Then they understood that He did not tell them to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the **Pharisees and Sadducees.**

Luke 9:41 … how long shall I be with you and **bear with you?**

Jesus: I have food you don't know about
Disciples: Oh…He must have secret stash?

34 Jesus said to them, "My food is **to do the will of Him who sent Me**, and to **finish His work**.

Doing My Father's will is what Sustains Me
Realizing His purpose for My life is what Satisfies Me

35 Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'?

The Physical Harvest is not for Months
Spiritual Harvest is Right Now!

35b… Behold, I say to you, **lift up your eyes and look** at the fields, for they are **already white for harvest!**

- Men of eastern culture: White turbans
- Boys lift their eyes/See the entire town coming up over the hill

This is what Matters….More than Food, Clothes, Status or Stuff
Get on the Father's Program…Enjoy True Sustenance/Real Satisfaction

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."

- **Sowers:** John the Baptist/Woman at the Well
- **Reapers:** Disciples now able to seal the deal. Salvation

John the Baptist Prepared the Ground: Law/Repentance
Disciples have the privilege of reaping the results John never saw: Salvation

Time to get busy Gentleman. IOWs We're not just wandering the countryside
Every Situation/Circumstance: Divine Opportunity to witness Lives Transformed

- Both he who sows/reaps will receive wages/reward

1 Corinthians 3:5 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.

Get on board the Father's program for each of us
The Harvest is Ready Today

Daniel 12:3 Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever.

Experience True Sustenance/Real Satisfaction
Doing His will/Finishing His Work

39 And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, **"He told me all that I ever did."**

We know what you did…and He still loved on you
I want to meet Him…

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

Many believed because of the woman's words about Jesus
Many more believed because of Jesus' own Words to/for them

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**."

- All in a day's work

Could this be the Christ vs Indeed this is the Christ Savior of the World!

Jesus speaking to a woman at a well led to an entire city getting saved
IOWs Casual Conversation was Actually Divine Appointment

- Church is a hub to be equipped/Go out and Bring in

Sharing the Gospel our Sustenance
IOWs We spiritually starve when we keep the Gospel to ourselves

2 Corinthians 5:17 …if anyone is in Christ, he is a **new creation**; old things have passed away; behold, **all things have become new**. 18 Now all things are of God, who has **reconciled us** to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the **ministry of reconciliation …20** Now then, we are **ambassadors for Christ**, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, **be reconciled to God**.

Somebody shared with me. Somebody shared with you.
Are you ready to share with a somebody? A Whosoever?

Matthew 28:19 Go therefore and **make disciples** of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit…

Ephesians 2:8 …by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 **not of works**, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus **for good works**, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Are you Unfulfilled? Discontent? Starving for more?
Our Food/Sustenance is to do the will of God/Share the Gospel

Every true believer has at least one Talent
The Soul Saving Gospel Message

IV. Nobleman's Son Healed

43 Now **after the two days** He departed from there and **went to Galilee**.

- **Two Days w/Samaritans:** 2X vv 40,43
- Repetition for Emphasis
- v4 Jesus needed to go through Samaria
- Now on His way home to Galilee

44 For Jesus Himself testified that **a prophet has no honor in his own country.**

Jesus knew He would be dishonored…He went anyway

Mark 6:4 A prophet is **not without honor except in his own country**, among his own relatives, and in his own house."

Are we Excited to give people the Word of God/Truth
Don't Expect to be Honored/Welcomed by Friends/Relatives

- A prophet has no honor in his own country
- But we may become a topic of interest…

45 So when [Jesus] came to Galilee, the Galileans received Him, having seen **all the things He did in** Jerusalem at the feast; for they also had gone to the feast.

- **Received Him:** Making a show of it and Jesus knew it…

John 2:23 Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, **many believed** in His name when they saw the signs which He did. 24 **But Jesus did not commit** Himself to them, because He knew all men…,

46 So Jesus came again to Cana of Galilee where He had made the water wine. And there was a **certain nobleman** whose **son was sick** at **Capernaum**. 47 When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, **he went to Him** and **implored Him** to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death.

He heard. He went. He pleads
My son is *at the point of death*

48 Then Jesus said to him, "Unless you *people* see signs and wonders, you will by no means believe."

Jesus Draws Out Faith w/Provoking Words

Matthew 15:25 [Gentile woman w/demon-possessed daughter] …worshiped Him, saying, **"Lord, help me!"** 26 But He answered and said, "**It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs**." 27 And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table" Then Jesus answered and said to her…

O woman great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire.
And her daughter was healed from that very hour

Jesus uses provoking words/ways/timing to draw out faith
My son is dying. Unless you see signs/wonderers you won't believe…What say you?

49 The nobleman said to Him, **"Sir, come down before my child dies!"**

- Not taken back…in the least
- Not offended by the Word He knows is for a purpose…

Matthew 11:6 [John in prison asking if Jesus was really the Messiah because things were not going the way he thought they should…] **…blessed is he who is not offended because of Me."**

W/out Signs/Wonders you will Not Believe
Okay. Anyway…Sir, come down, my son is dying!

Luke 11:9 …ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

This man knows the Character of God: Good/Love
Jesus draws out his faith/Sends forth His power

50 Jesus said to him, "**Go your way; your son lives**." So the **man believed the word** that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way. 51 And as he was now going down, his servants met him and told him, saying, "Your son lives!" 52 Then he inquired of them the hour when he got better. And they said to him, "Yesterday at the **seventh hour** the fever left him." 53 So the father knew that it was at the same hour in which Jesus said to him, "Your son lives." And **he himself believed, and his whole household**.

- **Retroactive Faith:** Your son lives. Then…

1. V 50 …he believed
2. V 52 …his son healed
3. V 53 …he was Saved/Household

He knew the Character of God/Proved it by believing the Word of God
As Jesus *draws faith from us*/Power goes forth *from Him*

Mark 5:21 Now when Jesus had crossed over again by boat to the other side, a great multitude gathered to Him; and He was by the sea. **22** And behold, one of the **rulers of the synagogue came, Jairus by name**. And when he saw Him, he fell at His feet **23** and begged Him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter lies at the point of death [c.f. Mat.9:18 *my daughter has just died*]. Come and lay Your hands on her, that she may be healed, and she will live." **24** So *Jesus* went with him, and a great multitude followed Him and thronged Him. [Predestined interruption] **25** Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years, **26** and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse. **27** When she heard about Jesus, she came behind *Him* in the crowd and touched His garment. **28** For she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well." **29** Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in *her* body that she was healed of the affliction. **30** And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My clothes?" **31** But His disciples said to Him, "You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?' " **32** And He looked around to see her who had done this thing. **33** But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. **34** And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction." [Predestined Interruption] **35** While He was still speaking, *some* came from the ruler of the synagogue's *house* who said, "**Your daughter is dead**. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" [Predestined invitation to greater faith] **36** As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not be afraid; only believe." **37** And He permitted no one to follow Him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James. **38** Then He came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and saw a tumult and those who wept and wailed loudly. **39** When He came in, He said to them, "Why make this commotion and weep? The child is not dead, but sleeping." **40** And they ridiculed Him. But when He had put them all outside, He took the father and the mother of the child, and those *who were* with Him, and entered where the child was lying. **41** Then He took the child by the hand, and said to her, "Talitha, cumi," which is translated, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." **42** Immediately the girl arose and walked, for she was twelve years *of age.* And they were overcome with great amazement. **43** But He commanded them strictly that no one should know it, and said that *something* should be given her to eat.

- Jesus drew faith from the woman who bled for 12 yrs by having her *publicly praise God*
- Jesus drew faith from the man whose 12-Year-old daughter was dying *by making him wait*
- Jesus drew faith from the Nobleman who trusted God was good *no matter His methods/timing*

Go your way…Your son lives
So the man believed the Word that Jesus spoke to him

54 This again is the **second sign** Jesus did when He had come out of Judea into Galilee.

2nd of 7 Designated Signs in the Gospel of John

- **1st Sign:** Changing Water to Wine — Jesus is Sovereign over Time/Creation
- **2nd Sign:** Boy healed at point of death — Jesus is Sovereign over Sickness/Death

John 20:30 And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.