

ROOTED

— From Root to Fruit —

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And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. (2 Corinthians 5:19b-20)

Do you believe you have an assignment from God? What do you think that assignment is?

1. Be on the lookout for divine interruptions.

What are some general things that keep you from seeing and being available to engage in divine interruptions?

When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" (John 4:7)

- Look for opportunities in the ordinary routine of life.
- Refuse to let inconvenience or prejudice stop you.

Name some of your prejudices. How do they keep you from engaging in divine interruptions?

2. Engage in spiritual conversation.

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." (John 4:10)

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. (Romans 1:16)

Jesus uses an "on ramp" question (4:7) to engage in conversation with this woman. If you were sitting with a stranger, what are some questions you have used or could use as an "on ramp" that may lead to a spiritual conversation.

3. Seize the moment.

Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. (John 4:35)

- Be willing to get dirty. Do you believe the fields are ripe for harvest, in other words, people are ready to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ? Are you willing to test to see?

An empty stable stays clean, but no income comes from an empty stable. (Proverbs 14:4NLT)

4. Don't underestimate the power of your story.

Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." (John 4:39)

How can you begin to take a small risk and jump in this week?