

## Friend Day 7

### Lesson 7

#### *Who is Your Egyptian in the Field? 1*

**I. Text (1 Sam. 30:1-20 NKJV)** *30 Now it happened, when David and his men came to Ziklag, on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the South and Ziklag, attacked Ziklag and burned it with fire,<sup>2</sup> and had taken captive the women and those who were there, from small to great; they did not kill anyone, but carried them away and went their way.<sup>3</sup> So David and his men came to the city, and there it was, burned with fire; and their wives, their sons, and their daughters had been taken captive.<sup>4</sup> Then David and the people who were with him lifted up their voices and wept, until they had no more power to weep.<sup>5</sup> And David's two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the widow of Nabal the Carmelite, had been taken captive.<sup>6</sup> Now David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and his daughters. But David strengthened himself in the LORD his God.<sup>7</sup> Then David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech's son, "Please bring the ephod here to me." And Abiathar brought the ephod to David.<sup>8</sup> So David inquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall I pursue this troop? Shall I overtake them?" And He answered him, "Pursue, for you shall surely overtake them and without fail recover all."<sup>9</sup> So David went, he and the six hundred men who were with him, and came to the Brook Besor, where those stayed who were left behind.<sup>10</sup> But David pursued, he and four hundred men; for two hundred stayed behind, who were so weary that they could not cross the Brook Besor.<sup>11</sup> Then they found an Egyptian in the field, and brought him to David; and they gave him bread and he ate, and they let him drink water.<sup>12</sup> And they gave him a piece of a cake of figs and two clusters of raisins. So, when he had eaten, his strength came back to him; for he had eaten no bread nor drunk water for three days and three nights.<sup>13</sup> Then David said to him, "To whom do you belong, and where are you from?" And he said, "I am a young man from Egypt, servant of an Amalekite; and my master left me behind, because three days ago I fell sick.<sup>14</sup> We made an invasion of the southern area of the Cherethites, in the territory which belongs to Judah, and of the southern area of Caleb; and we burned Ziklag with fire."<sup>15</sup> And David said to him, "Can you take me down to this troop?" So, he said, "Swear to me by God that you will neither kill me nor deliver me into the hands of my master, and I will take you down to this troop."<sup>16</sup> And when he had brought him down, there they were, spread out over all the*

land, eating and drinking and dancing, because of all the great spoil which they had taken from the land of the Philistines and from the land of Judah. <sup>17</sup> Then David attacked them from twilight until the evening of the next day. Not a man of them escaped, except four hundred young men who rode on camels and fled. <sup>18</sup> So David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away, and David rescued his two wives. <sup>19</sup> And nothing of theirs was lacking, either small or great, sons or daughters, spoil or anything which they had taken from them; David recovered all. <sup>20</sup> Then David took all the flocks and herds they had driven before those other livestock, and said, "This is David's spoil."

A. The Egyptian in the field was the key to a large group of people.

B. The Egyptian in the field was in bad shape.

1. He was hungry and malnourished... *for he had eaten no bread nor drunk water for three days and three nights.*

2. He was rejected... *my master left me behind*

3. He was sick... *my master left me behind, because three days ago I fell sick.*

C. So, what did they do when they found him?

1. They brought him to David... <sup>11</sup> *Then they found an Egyptian in the field, and brought him to David; If God gave you an Egyptian in the field would you bring him?*

2. They gave him something to eat and drink...*and they gave him bread and he ate, and they let him drink water. <sup>12</sup> And they gave him a piece of a cake of figs and two clusters of raisins. So, when he had eaten, his strength came back to him;*

3. With a little love and care, your hungry, rejected, sick Egyptian can regain some strength.

D. In as bad a shape as he was, after he received ministry, he was willing to bring David down to the troop... *and I will take you down to this troop."*

1. <sup>16</sup> *And when he had brought him down, there they were, spread out over all the land, eating, and drinking, and dancing...*

2. <sup>18</sup> *So David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away, and David rescued his two wives. <sup>19</sup> And nothing of theirs was lacking, either small or great, sons or daughters, spoil or anything which they had taken from them; David recovered all.*

E. There are people around us that are like that Egyptian in the field. They are

key to reaching a large number of people. How many are willing to pray for God to open their eyes to an Egyptian in the field for Friend Day.

## II. A New Testament example of an Egyptian in the field.

A. (John 4:1-30 NKJV) *Therefore, when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John<sup>2</sup> (though Jesus Himself did not baptize, but His disciples),<sup>3</sup> He left Judea and departed again to Galilee.<sup>4</sup> But He needed to go through Samaria.<sup>5</sup> So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.<sup>6</sup> Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.<sup>7</sup> A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink."<sup>8</sup> For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.<sup>9</sup> Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."<sup>11</sup> The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water?"<sup>12</sup> Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?"<sup>13</sup> Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again,<sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."<sup>15</sup> The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here."<sup>17</sup> The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,'<sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly."<sup>19</sup> The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.<sup>20</sup> Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship."<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father.<sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews.<sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.<sup>24</sup> God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."<sup>25</sup> The woman said to Him, "I*

know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things."<sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He."<sup>27</sup> And at this point His 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?"<sup>28</sup> The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men,<sup>29</sup> "Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?"<sup>30</sup> Then they went out of the city and came to Him.

B. (John 4:39-42 NKJV)<sup>39</sup> 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."<sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days.<sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of His own word.<sup>42</sup> 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."

A. The Samaritan woman Jesus met at the well was the key to a large group of people.

B. Like the Egyptian in the field she was in bad shape.

1. She had been married 5 times, and she was currently living in sin with someone she was not married to. Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,'<sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly."

2. She was spiritually deceived.<sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. (Among the most significant differences between the Samaritans and the Jews is the site which they believe God chose for His dwelling. While the Jews held that God chose Mt. Zion in Jerusalem for His dwelling, the Samaritans believed that God chose Mt. Gerizim near Shechem.)

3. Being a Samaritan she was generally despised by the Jewish people.

a. The Samaritans were the offspring of the nations that the Assyrians and Babylonians moved into Israel at the time of the captivities when they conquered the Jews and took them captive. They had intermarried with Jews and formed their own religion which was contrary to Scriptures.

b. The Samaritans built their own temple which the Jews considered pagan. The feud grew, and by the time of Christ, the Jews hated the Samaritans so much they crossed the Jordan river rather than travel through Samaria. But John 4:4 says Jesus had to go through Samaria.

C. Jesus did not despise her, but He gave her wonderful promises if she would believe. And He revealed Himself to her as the Christ.

1. He promised to give her living water. <sup>10</sup> *Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."*

2. He promised to give her eternal life. <sup>14</sup> *but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."*

3. He revealed Himself as the Christ to her. <sup>25</sup> *The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things."* <sup>26</sup> *Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He."*

D. Then she told the men of the city about her encounter with Jesus. <sup>28</sup> *The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, <sup>29</sup> "Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?"* <sup>30</sup> *Then they went out of the city and came to Him.*

E. <sup>39</sup> *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."* <sup>40</sup> *So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of His own word. <sup>42</sup> 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."*