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GOSPEL OF JOHN SERIES – 31
The Witnesses God Uses – Part 3
John 4:27-42

## **INTRODUCTION & REVIEW**

God uses witnesses who are excited about Jesus, have a harvest perspective, and invite others to come to Him.

1. GOD USES THE WITNESS OF THOSE WHO ARE EXCITED ABOUT JESUS

# 2. GOD USES THE WITNESS OF THOSE WHO HAVE A HARVEST MINDSET - 4:31-38

A. A harvest mindset puts the will of God and His work above everything else. - 4:31-34

- B. A harvest mindset focuses on sowing and reaping 4:35-38
  - The harvest may be ready in situations where you never would expect it. 4:35
  - There is great reward and joy in doing God's work. 4:36

## Remember...

Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to constantly apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; Jam 1:22-27).

As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions: How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

How can I accomplish this change?

What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

## The OUTCOME is guaranteed- 36-38

- ➤ In terms of ETERNITY 36a
- In terms of EQUALITY 36b 1 Cor. 3:4-8
- ➤ In terms of EFFORT 37-38
- To reap a harvest, seed must be sown. 4:37-38
- You may do the hard work of sowing only to have others reap the harvest. 4:37-38

### **TODAY'S MESSAGE**

3. GOD USES THE WITNESS OF THOSE WHO INVITE OTHERS TO COME TO JESUS CHRIST 4:39-42

A. THE <u>WORD</u> GOD WANTS US TO SHARE WITH THE WORLD - FOCUS ON WHO JESUS IS - 39-42

Seen in the <u>TESTIMONY</u> of the woman – 39

Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did."

• Seen in the <u>TIME</u> He spent with them – 40

So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days.

• Seen in the <u>TRUST</u> they put in His own Word - 41-42

And many more believed because of his word. 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."

- ⇒ It was **Personal** "for we have heard for <u>ourselves</u>"
- ⇒ It was <u>Powerful</u> "this is indeed the Savior of the world."
  1 Timothy 4:10: 1 John 4:14

### **B. INVITE SINNERS TO COME TO JESUS**

<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20