

## Evangelism Part 8

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*ever I did. 40 So when the Samaritans were come unto him, they besought him that he would tarry with them: and he abode there two days. 41 And many more believed because of his own word; 42 And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world."* (John 4:1-42 KJV)

*1 When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John, 2 (Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples,) 3 He left Judaea, and departed again into Galilee.* Jesus was doing the work of God with His disciples; they were reaching new people and they were baptizing them. That what they were doing came to the hearing of the Pharisees who were a source of tension to Jesus and to His mission. When Jesus comes to know that he resolved to move and go to Galilee.

There is a time in the mid of your business in the ministry God would call you to go and move away from where you are, as what we read now with Jesus, in order for you to reach new people. Even in the middle of your success in certain places of ministry you still might be led by the Holy Spirit to reach new area with the gospel of Jesus. Therefore you may need to leave the place that you are in doing some ministry, in order to reach out new people, lost sheep, and to bring them into God's Kingdom.

*4 And he must needs go through Samaria.* Samaria was a place that interposed between Judea and Galilee. People at that time were avoiding passing through Samaria because they were considering the people unclean, and were avoiding mixing with them. But Jesus went through Samaria for a certain purpose. Certain time the route that people avoid, you may find yourself passing through it in order to meet certain people that God wants you to meet.

*5 Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.* Jesus reached that place, Sychar which means "drunken." Probably Sychar is another name for the town of Shechem, a town in Samaria, near the well of Jacob. When you are dedicated to the Lord, and as you pray and desire to serve God in reaching the lost sheep, then you will find yourself moving with the leading of the Holy Spirit and reaching a new place. That place was having a meaning and a tradition to the people who were living there, and sure had a purpose for the mission of Jesus.

*6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour.* Jesus reached that place after a journey that made him weary and tired. He reached at the sixth hour which mean at 12 mid day. He was weary and tired and reached to the well of Jacob. Reaching out the lost sheep it may caused you journeys and effort in order for you to reach them. But one point you need to put in your mind, that the time that you feel you are tired and weary this still be the time that God will use you to reach the lost.

*7 There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.* His arrival to the well was timed with the coming of a woman who came to the well to draw water. Your movement as you desire to serve God and reaching out new people will be timed with the coming of certain people at certain places so you can meet with them. *Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.* Jesus introduced himself by asking her to give him a drink of water. Certain times you will be led by the Holy Spirit to invite and introduced yourself and

meet certain people. The woman went to draw water in the heat of the day because she might be avoiding the crowd of people. Usually the people would go to that place early morning to fetch water, but that woman went later to avoid the crowd, and there Jesus met with her.

**8 (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.)** There was no one around; no crowd and no disciples were with Jesus. The time that Jesus arrived to the well was a suitable time to meet that woman.

**9 Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.** The woman answered Jesus with pride, and she wanted to rebuke him of why he is asking her to give him water, for being Jews, and the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritan. She was answering him in retaliation of the insult the Jews inflicts on the Samaritans. People who are living in sin and away from God, you will find them ready to fight and to speak harsh with you even when you approach them to bring Jesus to them. Who would help them in their lives. You should not mind such people and their rough attitude; you still need to go forward to help them by introducing Christ into their lives.

**10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.** Jesus did not mind the way she answered him roughly. But He advanced further the message of God to her and challenged her with the gift of God, the eternal life, and if she would recognize Him, then she would ask Him and would give her living water.

**11 The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?** The woman still couldn't see with the spiritual eyes and she was questioning the Lord of how He will draw water while the well is deep and He has nothing in His hand to draw water. She even went further and told Him **12 Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?** The woman was in deep hurt and in frustration and she wanted to win the discussion with Jesus, therefore she started to boast about Jacob, she took him as his father, who was the one who gave them that well of water, and now she is wondering how Jesus with nothing in His hand to draw water would give her a living water!

**13 Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: 14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.** Jesus went deep and answered the woman's worries, pains and hurts, and explained to her her life in a clear way, that she is keep coming and going daily to fetch water to drink, but that water will cause her to thirst again and is of no remedy for her life situation. He offered her that He will give her water that whoever will drink of that water will not be thirsty again.

People that you meet daily in your life whom the Lord sent to you to preach the good news of God to them, are having various problems, and they might have various trials to overcome these troubles, but yet they don't have a remedy or final solution. They might be sick, in financial problems, family and marital crisis, job problems, unemployed, attitude problems, immoralities, addiction, etc. Therefore as God is sending you to those people and He is allowing you to meet them then you can be a great help to them by giving them solution from

God's Word and the salvation of Jesus Christ our Lord, as Jesus said **but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.**

**15 The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.** The woman when she heard him saying that, she was touched and she realized that all her problems can be solved, and she does not need to suffer all over again and for every day. People who are harassed by sins and vexed by many troubles due to their disobedience and being away from God, they might be arrogant at the first instance when you approach them but from inside they are harassed, hurt and broken. They are in need of help but they are ashamed to cry aloud and embarrassed to open up their lives' secrets and details that need the healing touch of God.

Gradual approach to the hurt and sinful world, one to one basis, and to help them to trust you and by offering them the word of God and the ways of God that will heal their lives, that will pave the way for them to trust you and asking you to help them.

**16 Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither.** When she was willing to ask and accept the help of Jesus, then the Lord started to explore her life to help her to realize the reason of suffering and the way to come out from that. He requested to go and call her husband.

**17 The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband: 18 For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.** That woman was living in adultery with a man that she is not married with. And he is not the only one in her life but she had four more. Look how Jesus answered her tactfully and did not rebuke her for the sin of adultery. That woman did not know God and did not know the Word of God, therefore Jesus did not speak to her bluntly. But if He would speak with the Pharisees He would speak very hard with them for their sin that is because they knew the Word of God. Therefore when you speak with people who do not know God or His Word then you need to be tactful, avoiding rebuke and harsh Word while you are exposing and showing them their sins. But if you will speak with the believers and those who know God and His Word then you need to rebuke them sharply so they will be sound in faith.

**19 The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.** The woman realized that she was speaking with a man who can read and know all what is going in her life. Evangelism ultimately will need to reach to depth of the life of the people that we are reaching out. Everything ultimately will need to be laid bare so that sin would be dealt with and the people that we are reaching out would be healed, and got delivered from the power of sin and death and got saved.

**20 Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.** The woman figured out that now she need God in her life, and that is why she started to speak about how to worship God. She was seeking the right way of worship and seems that she was confused with the style of worship that was going on.

**21 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. 22 Ye worship ye know not what: we**

*know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. 23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. 24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.* Jesus clarified her queries about worship and made her know the truth and in a simple way. Jesus did not preach to her about any denomination or style of worship, but simply He directed her to follow the Word of God and to worship God and to live for Him according the Word of God. In our effort to evangelize we need to direct the people toward the Word of God that is in the bible and start to teach them and disciple them according to the Word of truth that is written in the Bible. When we do that the Holy Spirit will direct that particular soul into the whole truth and would instruct him what he/she needs to do and live to please God.

*25 The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. 26 Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.* The woman draws now nearer to God by recognizing that the way to reach and know God is through Jesus. And here we found that Jesus declared Himself to her. After people that we reached out would accept that they need God in their lives and they need God's Word in the bible for their living, then the next step is to make known to them our Saviour, our Lord Jesus Christ and to introduce Him to them to accept Him as Lord over their lives, to receive salvation from Him, healing, deliverance and solutions for their problems and trials.

*27 And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her?* Now the disciples who were in the city to buy food, they came back and they found Him sitting with the woman. They marveled and surprise seeing Him sitting with a new person. As if they did not know that He is in mission to reach new people. They might be surprised and upset that He is reaching people in Samaria. They should be the one to help and welcome the new person that Jesus is reaching out. But they did not show any interest with that person. They were expecting that the Lord would appreciate the food that they went to the city to buy and bring, or might be they were having selfishness seeing the Lord focusing His care on someone other than them. Selfishness and lack of love and compassion to other people are common causes for failure in reaching new sheep and bringing them to Christ.

*28 The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, 29 Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ? 30 Then they went out of the city, and came unto him.* The woman after she received Christ, she put her faith in action and started to reach out the men in her city. She repented of her sins, and she was bold to tell everyone that He told her all what she had done. She was now, after repentance and receiving Christ, not afraid or ashamed of the people. Her sin was adultery and after meeting Christ she left her sinful life, and went to other men of the city and brought them to Christ after they heard her testimony. *42 And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.* Surely the men of the city will not believe in her if she is still maintaining her life as an adulterous woman. One of the powerful ways of evangelism is your life testimony; your testimony will enable you to overcome the work of devil and you will be able to reach the lost. *"11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death." (Revelation 12:11 KJV)*

*31 In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat. 32 But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of. 33 Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him ought to eat? 34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.* Here when the disciples invited Him to eat we found that Jesus' answer showed that He is not interested in their food that they brought because they did not show interest in His work in Samaria and His initiative to reach that city of Samaria. When they started to think that someone might brought Him food, as they were asking each other, *33 Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him ought to eat?* Then, *34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.* Jesus made it clear to them that His real food is the following:-

- 1- To do the will of Him who sent Him.
- 2- To finish the work of God.

With such an answer of Jesus to the disciples He made it clear to them that their selfish attitude and their carelessness toward the lost souls from among the Samaritan is not acceptable to Him. And He further instructed them and explained to them the following things:-

*1- 35 Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.* He explained to them that they need to open their eyes to see the harvest is ready to be gathered. They were as if blind as the Word of God says in *Isaiah 42:19 "19 Who is blind, but my servant? or deaf, as my messenger that I sent? who is blind as he that is perfect, and blind as the LORD'S servant?"* The Samaritan woman was ready for harvest but they did not see her as fruit ready to be harvested, and that is why the Lord rebuked them.

*2- 36 And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. 37 And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth.* He explained to them that they are called to prepare the ground and to sow the seed, and that required hard work. But at the same time, while they are doing that, they might be getting fruit ready for harvest. That to fulfill the Word of God in Amos *"13 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt."* (Amos 9:13)

*3- 38 I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours.* We as church need to work hard to evangelize and reach new people but while we are doing that the Lord may reward us with field ripe for harvest which was the hard work of other workers.

The Lord would bless His church if the disciples had the same mind of Christ and the love God to reach the lost and to restore those who had been defected from God. The Lord will restore the lost nations back to His church, *"11 In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old: 12 That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the heathen, which are called by my name, saith the LORD that doeth this. 13 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes*

*him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt. 14 And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them 15 And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the LORD thy God.” (Amos 8:11-15) Truly that fulfilled also when Jesus reached out that Samaritan woman, whom after she repented and believed, she brought to Him many Samaritan from that city. 39 And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did.*

*40 So when the Samaritans were come unto him, they besought him that he would tarry with them: and he abode there two days. Christ was asked to stay with them for two days, so he stayed with them in order to teach them, 41 And many more believed because of his own word; many more became believer because of HIS Word.*

So in summary we can conclude certain things that will teach us and help us in our mission to evangelize:-


- 1- Trusting God and obeying His Word to go and evangelize.
- 2- Willingness to heed the direction of the Holy Spirit, to move out of your comfort zone and reach places that others are not willing to go.
- 3- Loving and compassion attitude toward the lost souls.
- 4- Discernment to be able to see the harvest is ready.
- 5- Our life testimony can bring a big difference.
- 6- To stay with and give time to the people who are lost.
- 7- To give the word of God and the teaching of Jesus.

***My dear and beloved:*** God had called you to go forward with Jesus in reaching and invading new fields that are ready for harvest. God sure will direct your path to which people He is wanting you to go and reach out. Commit your life and way unto Him to lead you to them, as you agree to pray.

***My Prayer:*** Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the death to give me eternal life. Lord I thank you for your word that makes your callings clear to me. Lord I commit myself to go out with you to the field that you are directing me, to reach the lost and directing them to know you. Lord gives me discernment and helps me to have patient and love for the lost, and perseverance to reach them out. Lord sustains me with a good health and the needed strength to do this ministry. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.

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