

Ensure fellowship with God through 1 John 1:9

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Chronology of the time difference between Matt 4:11 and 12

1. Jesus returns to Judea after the wilderness testing and John [the Herald] identifies Him as the promised Messiah (John 1:29-36).
2. Christ calls disciples and travels to Galilee (John 1:37-49).
(*Not the same as His withdrawal to Galilee in Mt 4:12*)
 - Andrew and John - - vv. 37-39
 - Peter - - vv. 40-42
 - Philip - - vs. 43
 - Nathanael - - vv. 45-49
3. First miracle was at the wedding in Cana of Galilee (John 2:1-11).
4. Christ travels to Capernaum from the wedding feast with Mary, His half brothers and the disciples (John 2:12).
 - Half brothers:
 1. James
 2. Joseph
 3. Judas
 4. Simon
5. Christ travels to Jerusalem for the Feast of Passover and drives the moneychangers and their animals out of the temple (John 2:13-21).
 - Different temple cleansing than mentioned in other gospels.
 1. Matt 21:12; Mark 11:15; Luke 19:45-48
 - A sign of His Messianic authority.
 - Rejected by the religious leaders.
6. During His week in Jerusalem, He meets Nicodemus and communicates that spiritual regeneration is the prerequisite for entering the Kingdom of God (John 3:1-21).

[7. John is arrested]

8. The Lord returns to Galilee through Samaria (John 4:1ff – Matthew 4:12)

Review -

- The Lord and the woman from Sychar [the Samaritan woman] have just had a conversation at the well.
- The Lord had just communicated about water that would well up to eternal life – water being a reference to God the Holy Spirit (see **John 7:38-39**).
- This is something that the Lord gives *when the person drinks* [drinking is analogous to faith].
- Sychar – meaning “*Strong drink*” – is a town of people who drink from Jacob’s well and the Lord uses what is applicable; He starts talking about drinking.

The Lord always meets people where they’re at – with their frame of reference.

In all **personal evangelism** you present the gospel – let God the Holy Spirit do the convicting!

John 4:15-38

(15) The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, so I will not be thirsty nor come all the way here to draw."

Remember:

- This well is a mile out of town. The woman is in the process of drawing water.
- The Lord asks her for a drink of water and she is shocked that He (being a Jewish Rabbi) would converse with her (being a Samaritan) publicly.
- The disciples are astonished that the two are carrying on a conversation.
- The woman indicates that she wants some of this water [about which the Lord is speaking].
 - She thinks that getting His water will allow her to escape future trips to the well.
 - She is arrogant and offensive to the Lord but He does not get flustered – He sticks with the truth.

(15) The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, so I will not be thirsty nor come all the way here to draw."

- She is being sarcastic.
- In essence saying "then why don't You give me some of that water so I don't have to come up here every day"?

As she starts to leave. . .

(16) He said to her, "Go, call your husband and come here."

(17) The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have correctly said, 'I have no husband';

(18) for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; this you have said truly."

The Lord has exposed her adulterous sins- -

- When sin is exposed, conviction is wrought in the soul.
- When conviction is wrought in the soul, the need for a solution arises.

Two solutions are presented to people at this point:

- 1) Religion
- 2) Relationship with God through faith alone in Christ alone

She takes the religious route [as most people do] because she does not know Who Jesus Christ is *yet*.

(19) The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.

- She attempts to change the subject.
- This is what people do when confronted with the exposure of sin.
- Religious discussions or debates will often arise.
 - She now wants His theological opinion on something that has been an issue between the Samaritans and the Jews for centuries.

(20) "Our fathers worshiped in this mountain (looking to the temple ruins on Mt. Gerizim constructed a few centuries prior) and you people (Jews) say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship."

(21) Jesus said to her, "**Woman, believe Me, an hour is coming when neither in this mountain [Mt. Gerizim 800 ft. above the well where He is sitting] nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.**"

Two temples in question –

- One in Jerusalem that is standing.
- One on Mt. Gerizim in which the Samaritan fathers used to worship.

The Lord indicates that **location** has nothing to do with worship.

- Remember the first issue she raised was **RACE**.

- Race was demonstrated to not be an issue by way of drinking water – anyone of any race can drink water.

- Race is not an issue in salvation – anyone of any race can be saved.

- Drinking is analogous to faith when a person receives God the Holy Spirit, a spring of water welling up to eternal life, which the Lord will give when the person places their faith alone in Him alone.
- So, race is not an issue, nor is **location**.

YOU CAN BE ANYBODY, ANYWHERE, AND BE SAVED.

YOU CAN BE ANYBODY, ANYWHERE, AND WORSHIP [AS LONG AS YOU'VE BEEN BORN AGAIN AND YOU'RE IN FELLOWSHIP].

(22) "You worship what you do not know. . ."

- Samaritans had been worshipping foreign idols.
- The Lord indicates, "you worship what you do not know. . ."

. . . we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.

- Because He is a Jew.
- Because He is the Savior of the World.
- Because He is a descendant of David.
- Therefore, "salvation is from the Jews"

(23) "But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the **Father seeks** to be His worshipers.

- Note that it is the Father doing the seeking.
- Present active indicative **ζητέω - ZETEO**
 - Present tense indicates that God the Father seeking people to worship Him.
- Worship by means of Spirit and truth - **εν πνευματι και αληθεια**
 - Filling of the Holy Spirit – God the Holy Spirit fulfilling all that He came into the life of the believer to do at salvation.
 - He is the One who provides the power for you to execute the unique spiritual life.
 - That is why we need to walk in dependence upon Him (Gal. 5:16).
 - When we are filled, He is manifesting a controlling influence in us.
 - **Eph. 5:18** – A command to "keep on being filled" followed by five results of "being filled."
 - Metabolized Bible Doctrine.
- The Greek construction indicates the protocol required to worship God.

(24) "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

This goes right over her head and she wants to **add value** to the conversation - so she communicates something that she knows.

(25) The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ); when that One comes, He will declare all things to us."

She is procrastinating!

- Her need has surfaced and she is procrastinating regarding the solution.
- She is indicating, "Messiah will straighten all this out when He shows up."
- In fact, He has just declared everything to her.

(26) Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He."

εγω ειμι ο λαλων σοι – "I am (*the Messiah*) the One who is speaking to you"

- At this point she believes in Him as Messiah – she is so excited she drops her waterpot.
- She begins a one mile run down to Sychar.

(27) At this point His disciples came, and they were amazed that He had been speaking with a woman. . .

- He is a Rabbi –
 - It was forbidden by Jewish custom to speak with a woman in public.
- What have the disciples done?
 - They have interrupted.
 - They are not focused on spiritual things.
 - People who are focused on themselves are always occupied with themselves.
 - These self-occupied people want everyone to know their opinion!

. . . yet no one said, "What do You seek?" or, "Why do You speak with her?"

Note the sequence of these things -

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(26) Jesus said to her, "I am (*the Messiah*) the One who is speaking to you."

(28) So the woman left her waterpot. . .

- Aorist ἀφίημι - APHIEMI
 - She let go of it.
 - She dropped it in place.

. . . and went (ran) into the city and said to the men,

(29) "Come, see a man who told me all the things that I have done; this is not the Christ, is it?"

More accurately stated - "Come, see a man who told me all things that I have done; is this not the promised Messiah?"

- She does the same thing as Philip – "Come and see. . ."
- δεῦτε plus εἶδον - DEUTE plus EIDON – "Come and see"
- She knows who He is and she trusted in Him the moment that waterpot dropped.
- What is the first thing she does?
 - She runs to tell others about her Savior-Messiah.
 - Does she sequester herself under a basket, or does her light shine from the lampstand?

Her light shines and she is telling others about what the Savior has accomplished for her.

POD - It is the natural response of a saved person to tell others about what Jesus Christ did for them.

In light of Sunday's class - was it natural for Charlie Coulson to tell that Jewish surgeon about his Savior, Jesus Christ? Yes.

- When we are not focused on ourselves, our lives can be focused on Jesus Christ.
 - When we are focused on Jesus Christ we are never offended or bitter.
 - The more you relinquish in your life to Christ the more you will have wonderful opportunities to tell people about Christ.
 - Never take rejection personally!
- In retrospect, look back to John's disciples. They were focused on the man and not the message.
- They entered into heated theological debates and they failed to recognize the transition of ministry.
- Therefore, they were not moving forward in their spiritual advance because their focus was not on Jesus Christ.

Charles Coulson, the Drummer Boy, was classified as a sower.

- A sower plants seeds.
- In the Jewish surgeon's case, there was a seed planted in his soul.

Charles Coulson – the Drummer Boy <http://www.pfbaptistpress.org/206.htm>

- Personal Evangelism -

You never know how God is going to use your testimony – whether silent by your life or verbal by what you might say – maybe both!

Regardless of how you are used, pray for unbelievers – perhaps that they will have no rest until they trust in Christ.

That is the intercessory prayer that begins to enlist God in the process of drawing them to faith alone in Christ alone.

What actually happens?

She goes back to Sychar after her salvation and communicates to everybody whom she meets.

(30) They went out of the city, and were coming to Him.

There was a sea of people flowing out of the city.

(31) Meanwhile the disciples were urging Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat."

(32) But He said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about."

(33) So the disciples were saying (over and over again) to one another, "No one brought Him anything to eat, did he?"

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

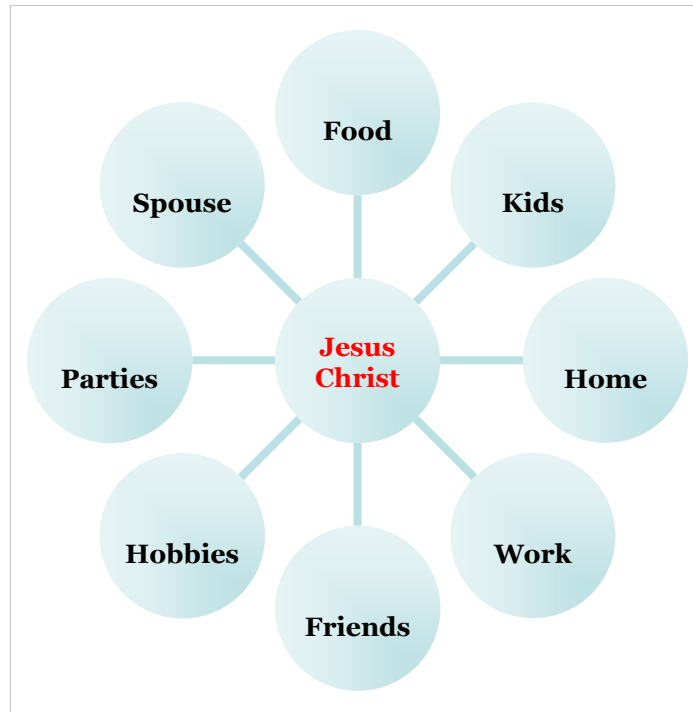
The disciples are still focused on the things of the earth.

- **PRINCIPLE** – Nothing is more important than fulfilling God's will for your life.
- Not even eating when you are hungry.
Who sustains you? The Holy Spirit!
- **Matt. 6:33** "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and **all these things** will be added to you."

- The first priority in life is to be doing what God would have you do by fulfilling our CABP responsibilities, the first of which is to organize your life around the teaching of the Word.
- **“All these things”** – the details of life.
 - food
 - clothing
 - home
 - job
 - spouse
 - transportation

If you are focused on what God will have you do, the details will be taken care of.

Matt 6:32b *“... for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.”*



All these things have inherent responsibilities.

Question: – Is the Word of God more important to you than these details of life?

These things should never become more important than Bible Doctrine.

(35) "Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest.

Why are they white for harvest?

- Because the people of Sychar [as a result of the woman telling them about Christ] are flowing out of the city.

- They are wearing what they customarily wore in the ancient world – white robes.

(36) "Already he who reaps is receiving wages and is gathering fruit for life eternal; so that he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together.

- Who's doing the sowing?
The woman
- Who's doing the reaping?
Jesus Christ

- Who's going to rejoice together?
The woman and her Savior

POD - The believer who fulfills his ambassadorship responsibilities in personal evangelism will rejoice with his Savior Jesus Christ.

- In time
- Eternity

(37) "For in this case the saying is true, 'One sows and another reaps.'"

(38) "I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored."

- The Lord sent the disciples into the city to evangelize it and they failed miserably.
- They were more concerned with food than in doing the will of the One who sent them.

You'll never seize opportunities for your Great God and Savior to represent Him as an ambassador if you are focused on the details of life.

As long as you are focused on the details of life, your spiritual drive is in neutral!

All Scriptures quoted are from New American Standard unless otherwise noted.