

**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.

The Lord and the Samaritan woman converse at the well.

- She was from Sychar – “*town of drinkers*”
- Jesus and His disciples have just completed a 20 mile trek from the Jordan.

**POD** – Malleability to the will of God pays off in spiritual dividends – and it requires unconditional surrender on our part to fulfill the will of God, in its entirety, for each of our lives!

- Going to Galilee via Samaria accomplished a few things including defusing a potential problem that was brewing between John’s disciples (who were focused on John and not his message) and the Pharisee’s that were getting divisive.

So the Lord is at the well – about one mile outside of the city.  
...remember people had to walk that mile up and mile back several times each day.  
...the well had historic significance – one that Jacob carved out.

The Lord initiates a conversation with the woman about a drink of water.

- The Lord has no waterpot to retrieve water from the well.
- When He requests a drink she is shocked –
  - Normally a Jewish Rabbi would not speak to a woman in public.
  - She then makes an issue out of race and gender. He a Jewish Rabbi and she a Samaritan woman.

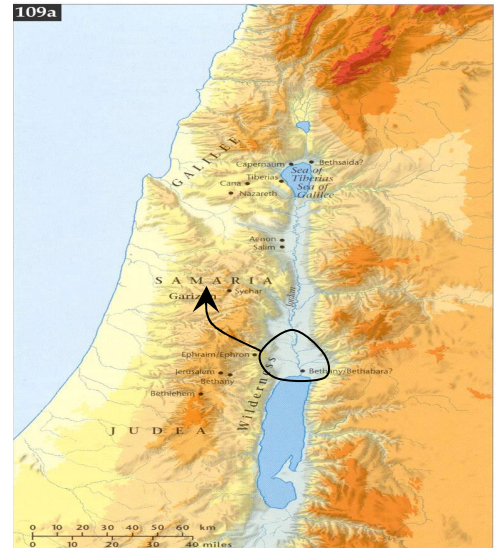
...the Lord communicates to her that **RACE** is not an issue (**John 4:13-14**).  
...any member of the human race can drink water.

**John 4:13**

(13) Jesus answered and said to her, (pointing down the well) "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again;

(14) but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a (corrected translation) **spring of water welling up to eternal life.."**

- Drinking is a non-meritorious action, analogous to faith.  
**Drinking = Faith**
- So at the moment of faith the person receives the water.
- Water is analogous to the Holy Spirit that the believer receives at faith alone in Christ alone. (**John 7:38-39**)
- Observe one more thing – an individual only has to drink one time to receive the water that Jesus Christ gives.  
...how many times must they **believe**? One time!



- Another important observation to note is that water is free, so financial status is not an issue either (what the Lord gives, He gives freely so that none can boast)

**1 Corinthians 12:13**

(13) For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks (or Samaritan), whether slaves or free, and we were all made **to drink of one Spirit.**

In John 4:16-18 her sin is exposed which reveals her need.  
...so now she is in need of being saved from her sin!

Once confronted with her sin she takes the **religious** route by lavishing the title of prophet upon Him in vs. 19 and attempts to raise a theological issue that existed between the Samaritans & Jews for hundreds of years.

In John 4:21-24 the Lord solves the problem.

She then procrastinates in vs. 25 . . .

**John 4:25-43**

(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."

...He had just declared all things to her!

...His response is that He is Messiah.

**John 4:26 says,**

**ἐγώ εἰμι, ὁ λαλῶν σοι. "I am, the One who is speaking to you"**

- She immediately places her faith in Him, as Messiah.
- She drops the waterpot and runs the fastest mile in human history back to the "city of drinkers" to tell people about Jesus Christ.
- What does she do? She does the most natural thing a believer does – she begins telling people about her Savior, Jesus Christ.
  - She is functioning as a light on a lampstand – shining forth - telling others about her Savior.

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

**In the privacy of your priesthood you need to determine if it is **natural process** for you to tell other people about Jesus Christ – or is something squelching that process?**

Her discussion with the Lord results in a sea of people in white robes flowing out of the city.

...a sea of people covering the hillside.

...when a sinner is saved - people take note.

(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 to one another, "No one brought Him anything to eat, did he?"

So the disciples are having a conversation among themselves trying to figure out who gave Him food.  
...the disciples are focused on the details of life.  
...Jesus Christ is focused on the will of the Father – even though He has just finished a 20 mile trek.

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

- THERE MUST BE NOTHING MORE IMPORTANT IN LIFE THAN TO DO THE WILL OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN!
- Why? - There was nothing more important in the life of our Savior than accomplishing the Father's will for His life.
  - The Lord is focused on doing the Father's will and the disciples are focused on the details of life.

*What does focusing on the details of life do? It ties you up from doing what God would have you do.*

*You are roped and tied like a calf in a rodeo.*

*Remember this - the details of life will always be there!*

*Your Heavenly Father knows you need those things so why worry? (Matt. 6:32b)*

- Focusing on the details of life demonstrates lack of faith.
  - ...you are not relying on Him moment by moment to take care of your needs.
  - ...you are not habitually "*casting your anxieties on Him...*" (1 Peter 5:7-9).
  - ...it all stems from a lack of faith.

**POD:** When the believer is focused on the details, he is incapable of recognizing God's hand and will.  
...God's hand in your life.  
...the providential directing of circumstances in the life of the believer.

**Focusing on self squelches the spiritual viewpoint required to know the will of God and see His hand in your life.**

The Lord in this case refocuses the disciple's attention on what God's hand is directing here so they can Carpe Occasio - - - they can seize the moment.

(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.

- The fields in between the city of Sychar and the well are covered with people in the customary dress of the day - white robes.
- What started this process? **One Woman** who appreciated what her Savior did for her.

(36) "Already he who reaps (ref. Jesus Christ) is receiving wages and is gathering fruit for life eternal; so that he who sows (ref. the woman) and He who reaps (Jesus Christ her Savior) may rejoice together.

**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.'

**It does not matter if you are sowing or reaping, what matters is that you are doing what God wants you to do – whether that is sowing or reaping.**

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

- He sent them into the city to evangelize it.
- They were more concerned with the details of life than fulfilling the will of the One who sent them into the city.

..others have labored (the woman) and you have entered into their labor." ← **Grace!**

What are you concerned about in this life?

- Where you are going to eat?
- What you're going to wear?
- Where you are going to live?
- Our Heavenly Father knows you need these things - so why do you worry – all these details fall into place when we are focused on Him and doing what He wants us to do.
  - ...for organizing our lives around where He wants us to be.
  - ...nothing is more important than fellowship in the Word.
  - ...a testimony to positive volition and it glorifies God.

(39) From that city many of the Samaritans believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all the things that I have done."

- The fulfillment of the woman's ambassadorship responsibilities in the town of Sychar.

(40) So when the Samaritans came to Jesus, they were asking Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. The Lord always honors positive volition and Sychar was positive.

(41) Many more believed because of His word;

(42) and they were saying to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this One is indeed the Savior of the world."

### ***Points of Doctrine (in review) -***

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

- In essence introducing someone you are standing with to a friend who approaches you both.

**POD:** The believer who tells others about Jesus Christ will rejoice with his Savior in time & eternity.

**POD:** The believer has three responsibilities as an ambassador in personal evangelism -

- Praying
- Waiting
- Communicating

**PRAYING** - Intercessory Praying sets God in motion to act in answer to your prayers.

*True Evangelism, Winning Souls through Prayer*, L.S. CHAFER pgs. 55, 69

➤ Should your prayer be for an opportunity to give the Gospel?

- This may shock some of you - **NO!**
  - ...you're putting the cart before the horse [in evangelism].
  - ...before you give the gospel the unbeliever must be prepared.
  - ...it is only God the Holy Spirit that can prepare the heart of the unbeliever.
- That prayer is a reflection that the work is dependent upon you and not the Lord.
- God is the One who initiates in salvation.
- The initial prayers should be for the Lord to begin drawing them – preparing their souls to believe; that they will have “no rest”.
- After that it is legitimate to pray for an opportunity.

- And the sensitivity as to when it is the right time.

**WAITING** - Patiently waiting on the Lord to act in response to Intercessory Prayers.

...He is the One who must open the door.

...what happens when you forced a door open and someone is behind it?

...you break their nose.

...they get hurt – a black eye maybe...

...too much evangelism is taking place today with the unbeliever being unprepared.

- This waiting may range from days to weeks to months or even years.
- When believers do not wait they get in the way of God’s preparatory work.
- They jump in with their pom-poms all rah-rah for God and they are doing a huge disservice to Him.

**COMMUNICATING** – In two categories.

Category 1: Sowing - where the believer is used by God in His preparatory work.

- **Active** - telling people about what your Savior did for you just as the woman at the well did
  - Might include a presentation of the Gospel but without a call to believe.
- **Passive** – your spiritual life shines forth as a testimony.
  - Priorities in life.
  - Relaxed mental attitude toward life.
  - Decisions you make have wisdom.
  - Genesqua of the spiritual life serving as a testimony.

Category 2: Reaping - presenting the Gospel with an invitation to accept Christ.

Effective fulfillment of our responsibilities requires the believer to be at the right time & the right place.

Until you are willing to go anywhere you will never get anywhere.

**POD:** Unconditional surrender to God results in arriving at the right place at the right time to fulfill the will of God through the mentorship of God the Holy Spirit.

- Prerequisite: Functioning with malleability and dependence in the RennJ Diagram.

➔ **God the Holy Spirit must be the One who leads you to the right place at the right time.**

- The believer must maintain situational awareness and stand at the ready to be used by the Lord whenever and wherever He so chooses.

Where does personal evangelism begin?

### **Intercessory Prayer**

Personal evangelism is a cooperative partnership with God.

**It is a moment by moment reliance on God to begin His work required.**

You cannot save souls – only God can.

You cannot convince anyone of the validity of the Bible.

People who get into religious debates and discussions trust themselves – not God.

“...the divine order is to talk to God about men, until the door is definitely open to talk to men about God.” *True Evangelism, Winning Souls through Prayer*, L.S. CHAFER page 71

