



From Hunger to Belief
John 4:27-42

John 4:27-30 (English Standard Version)

²⁷Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that He was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" ²⁸So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, ²⁹"Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" ³⁰They went out of the town and were coming to him.

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- ◆ She's a woman...with a story
- ◆ Unknown - to all but Christ
- ◆ If divorced, it's because they all divorced her
- ◆ Maybe 5 deaths
- ◆ Five times nameless, alone, no value, starting again
- ◆ John's point is that she represents us!

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- ◆ The disciples show up at the same moment as "I am Messiah" to the woman - so?
- ◆ He's showing them to overcome prejudices and fear, and to grow in faith
- ◆ It's an example of God's sovereignty; and we wrestle with that!
- ◆ We like it here and in desperate times
- ◆ We rebel against it in good times
- ◆ God give us humility and trusting hearts!

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- ◆ She leaves quickly to tell
- ◆ We feel a similar compulsion
- ◆ 1 Corinthians 9:16
¹⁶For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!
- ◆ The shame and guilt are gone

John 4:31-38 (English Standard Version)

³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." ³²But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." ³³So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him something to eat?" ³⁴Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. ³⁵Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. ³⁶Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

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- ◆ The food is another metaphor for living water and being born again
- ◆ Christ says the food is obedience to God's will; an intimate commitment to God's will
- ◆ What was God's will?
- ◆ That Christ give men internal and eternal life
- ◆ He offers the disciples this food!
- ◆ Christ says, "I'm eating the fruits of others' labor; I'm sowing seeds, and it's the MOST fulfilling thing."

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- ◆ It's labor = hard work
- ◆ Sowing and reaping are hard
- ◆ No promise of ease or brevity
- ◆ Just fulfillment and intimacy and purpose
- ◆ The field is the field of sinful humanity for their salvation
- ◆ What is your field? What are you sowing?

John 4:39-42 (English Standard Version)

³⁹Many Samaritans from that town believed in Him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to Him, they asked Him to stay with them, and He stayed there two days.

⁴¹And many more believed because of His word. ⁴²They 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."

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- ◆ After she's been exposed as a sinner and accepted the “water” of Christ, she goes and owns her faith - a broken, sinful woman
- ◆ This is not easy and we rebel against it
- ◆ To see our sins, to face ourselves, then accept living water and laboring
- ◆ We prefer the darkness!
- ◆ **THE RAGE AGAINST GOD**

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- ◆ Believe = Be persuaded; conviction about Christ for salvation and life
- ◆ John's been waiting for verse 42!
- ◆ Know = We know that we know the Savior of the world
- ◆ God has a people in every multi-ethnic, mutli-religious, pluralistic culture - even Sugar Land, TX!
- ◆ Will you be His unlikely co-laborer?

Jeremiah 2:12-13 (English Standard Version)

¹²Be appalled, O heavens, at this;
be shocked, be utterly desolate,
declares the LORD, ¹³for my people have
committed two evils: they have forsaken Me,
the fountain of living waters,
and hewed out cisterns for themselves,
broken cisterns that can hold no water.

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- ◆ Life would be complete if _____
- ◆ Life isn't worth living without _____
- ◆ That's your well

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- ◆ Where are you digging broken wells?
- ◆ Where will you co-labor and be full in God's will?



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