

## **Bucket Ministry Series 27**

### **Title: The Gift of a lifetime**

He has called us to this wonderful ministry. He has made us able ministers of the New Testament. I really don't want to do any other thing than being an able minister of the New Testament because being another minister will all come out to be a hard work.

Yes, it will be like the chief police because I was reading the book of Acts Chapter 4 they were saying the police of the temple. There are some jobs like that; the police of the temple. He has made us able minister of the New Covenant.

And again we want to thank the Lord that based on our own merit, we cannot even have made the list. Would you have made the list?

No! that is why he said he made us able minister.

So he prequalified us for this.

So the ability was of him. He made us able. Can you see that?

Able minister of the New Covenant.

So looking into ourselves, we do not have the reputation. We cannot make the cut off mark. In fact, he didn't make us minister and then say go and get the ability and come back and minister, he made us able minister.

He made us minister and also gave us the ability to minister.

No wonder he said that if anyone will speak let him speak as an oracle with the ability that God give. So he doesn't want you to go into yourself and pick up something and say oh! with the ability that he gives.

What a very relaxing job that put all pressures off you, just ministering with the ability. And so we are grateful that we are part of this. And that is what the Lord is doing with our lives, and so also in our heart of appreciation and gratitude, we have come today we are coming as a minister.

And we hope that as we walk in the light, we encourage you to walk in the light today as he is in the light so that we can have fellowship together knowing fully well that the blood of Jesus Christ his son cleanses us from **all** sins.

So welcome back to the Expose 247, to the Bucket Ministry Series. I hope you have not forgotten about that, we have so many Word episodes, you can get that and know where we stopped from our Youtube page, on the facebook page.

Welcome viewers all over the world to a new exciting episode of the Bucket Ministry Series. Don't forget we are looking at the life, the discuss between the Samaritan woman and Jesus as a springboard or as a framework for us to understand the implication of the gospel.

Let me remind you, the scriptures in one of the epistles, 1 Timothy 2 did says that God want all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. That is what this Bucket Ministry Series is all about, to bring us to the knowledge of what we have. You see that is what we are actually on about on this series.

You see for unbelievers, who have not given their life to Jesus. They will need to know what Jesus did for them on the cross before. For you, if you are a believer and listening to this, what you need to know is what you have received in Christ Jesus. Because if you don't know what you have received in Christ Jesus, your experience in life might not be any different from somebody who has not encounter Christ.

Have you notice that Jesus was in the boat with them when he said let us go over to the other side, even though Christ was in the boat, the experience of the disciples in the fact that they came across the storm, they experience of what they faced was not a problem because for example, you being a believer does not automatically immune you from life circumstances. But what was the problem was not about what's happening, was about their response, their reaction to what was happening.

You cannot respond like somebody who has not received the grace of God. Your response is what differentiate you. Your reactions, how you see things, and how you deal with things is what separate you from those who have not received the grace of God into their life.

And that is the focus of the Bucket Ministry Series, that through this series, through the discuss between this woman and Jesus, we will understand the implication of the gospel so that in life, we can see things, we can react, we can respond, we can deal with life not just in time but in eternity as somebody who has received God's goodness and favour. And that is what we are on about on this Bucket Ministry Series

So join us as we go back to where we stopped in our last transmission

Now John Chapter 4, go straight with us to the 14<sup>th</sup> verse which is where we stopped.

Can you read that please?

#### **John 4**

**14. Anyone who drinks this water again will never thirst not ever, the water in him will be an artificial spring in him gushing fountain of endless life.**

Jesus makes a proposition or you might want to say a presentation to this woman. Jesus said there is one thing about what am bringing, there is one thing about what I've come to do in this world, there is one thing about my vision, there is one thing about my mission, there is one thing about everything I'm all about. Jesus said what I'm offering will ensure that you don't thirst again.

And then please, you know one thing for sure which you need to understand. The issue of thirst comes up again. We talked about this to an extent in our last transmission.

Now, it is not very hard to conceive the notion that when somebody is thirsty, you give them water. Isn't it? If you are of thirsty you can drink juicy or you can drink just water, but thirstiness can only be satisfied by drinking. That is what we know.

And everything we see this analogy of Christ saying that giving water for thirst, please you can then completely say he's talking about satisfaction. It's just an allegory. It's just a kind of when you use this kind of figure of speech in English just to simply say I've come to bring satisfaction. That is what Jesus Christ says. The thing about thirst and water is all about satisfaction.

So Jesus was simply saying life is all about satisfaction, and I'm bringing a kind of satisfaction, a kind of completion, a kind of sense of fulfilment that I'm bringing to you. Nothing else in this world can bring that same satisfaction, that same completion, that same fulfilment to your life. Not in the way I'm going to bring it. This is the presentation he was making to the Samaritan woman.

Can you see that?

So that is what we see.

Now, Jesus then make a difference between his own satisfaction and that which the world will give us.

Can you see?

He made a distinction between this fulfilment he was bringing and the one you can get from the world. He made a separation between what he was offering in terms of satisfaction and what you can get from other things other than the grace of God.

And the distinction he made was this, look at verse 14.

He said **whosoever drinks of this water,**

Whosoever get meaning or satisfaction from life, from any other thing. How can you tell the difference?

He is assuring you and I that you can try it out, you can test it or you can look at others who have tried it out. He said am telling you every satisfaction, every sense of fulfillment you derive from any other thing, Jesus is saying the law of diminishing returns will set in on any satisfaction from anywhere, that is what Christ is saying.

But said if you get meaning, if you get value, if you get fulfillment from what I'm bringing through the gospel, he said trust me, you will have a satisfaction that will not grow old. You will have a satisfaction that will not become stale. You will have a satisfaction that will ever be enduring. A sense of complement that will never grow old on you. And that is what he said.

Now, that reminds me in John Chapter 6 where Jesus said do not labour for meat that perishes. Jesus is saying there are some satisfaction, in fact which is a good thing... the Lord is not deny the fact that you can get meaning in life without Christ Jesus. He is not denying that fact.

Look at today, a lot of people don't believe the gospel, people are trying to find others ways to make sense of their life. You don't have to be a Christian to say I think I'm fulfilled in life. People say that, people write that, people make that kind of proposition to say, are you happy? They say yes, I think I'm happy with my life.

And you ask them, why are you happy? They have things they look around them that makes them say yes, I think I'm happy with life. I think life is good for me. They look at everything. They look at things maybe something is going on for them, something is going great for them in their life, they say yes, I can look at that thing and I think I'm happy with life.

So Jesus is not denying the fact that people can have a sense of satisfaction from life. All he said is (watch it!) they will thirst again. It's going to lose its worth. It might sounds exciting at the moment, it might sounds great at the moment, it might sounds wonderful at the moment, he says it's will not last.

It's going to diminish. The satisfaction they are getting from that thing will begin to go down over time. That is what he guaranty us, and that is the fact he made in this discuss with this woman.

It's good that we know that the Lord is not actually denying that there are alternative realities (other waters). People are getting tired today and they are moving away from some things maybe traditional sense value and some things they know that serves them in the past, and feel like we can forage our own path or new alternatives and so people are trying to find new means, new definition and defining..

But again, there is something again at the latter part of the verse,

**the water that I will give you will become a spring inside of him.**

He was saying that this water I'm putting in you, you are not going to depend on somebody else because today people are okay, fine! If you are introducing me to something else, it might still be like I have to run to somebody, I have to run to a place.

He said No! what I'm giving is self-reliant and I'm putting it inside of you, all alone by itself. It's inside of you welling up. And so this is not attached to somebody else, it's not dependent on somebody else again. It is right inside of you. And that is freedom.

Thank you for that.

You mention about depend on something else and this actually bring us to a point where the Lord Jesus began to speak in one of the place in the gospel where he said **“do not put your treasure upon the earth”**- the thing that you place so much...—if you check some of our previous episodes we did talk about that. And he gave us a stern warning about that.

He said the reason why it's not safe to put the value or what is important to you in life, the most important worth to you in life, where you derive your meaning, the danger there is because thieves can break in like you said if it is external. If you put so much of your expectation on people, they can change the character against you, they can change the way they think about you.

So you are there every time always hoping that the person will not change what they think about you because to you that person is the ultimate, your life is settled. You think life make sense. Life is meaningful because of that person. What about if they change what they think about you? What about if that person is no more? If you trust in the system or you trust in a government policy, what about if the policy changes? What about if the government changes? If your trust is in resources or is in money or is in anything. See! You are in situation that the most certain thing is uncertainty.

Can you see?

**Jesus is simply saying that if satisfaction has to come from those things around you, you are in a danger zone.**

And again I want to narrow it down, most of the people that is thinking...yes I know this is Jesus and I'm coming to Jesus kind of life, but yes, it is attached to some platform. It is attached to some denomination, ministry gifts and so they say, we are going to get this life derived from this. And some will say attach to this life of God through my life, through what the Lord is doing with me and what the Lord has promise. See all the miracles and sign.

So we still some people they are going by that way, they are going through that medium, they want to get the life of God. They don't even want to risk using other alternative methods. We are coming through the life of God but we are coming through this gift, we are coming through this platform, we are coming through the grace of God in the life of this people and we are seeing it, it works.

But we see that what Jesus was promising was not saying I'm putting it in the priest for you or come to the temple for this, I'm going to put it-this my life is an individual work which is complete within you. I'm putting this well, but all you need, I have already put it inside of you.

Thank you.

So he's saying what essentially happens when you give your life to Jesus is the water releasing life of God comes into you, comes into your soul, come into your heart, come into your life. Thank God for that. That is why the book of Romans Chapter 10 says if you believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, you will be saved.

Can you see?

It means at salvation primarily or fundamentally something happen within you, something happened in your heart, something happen in your spirit man.

The scriptures tell us that if anybody does not have the Spirit of Christ, he doesn't belong to Christ. It means at salvation you didn't just follow some ethical principles, at salvation it wasn't just that you follow some rules and guidelines or you try to modify your life, or you try to streamline your life to follow the teachings of a denomination, or you try to streamline your lifestyle to follow moralities laws of the scriptures.

Well, those things might be good if they actually stay within the compartment of where they should be but the reality of what happened at salvation was a revolution in your spirit man. You received Christ into you and that is why he's saying that the water I will give will be a well. Something has come into your spirit man. So what people are looking for on the outside, what people are looking for in things has come into you.

This is what makes it interesting. Jesus said the focus and the goal of that water is to bring satisfaction of thirst.

Can you see?

It means any gospel that you have listening to that is not bringing you to the point of completion, any gospel that you have listened to that does not bring a sense of fulfillment right now in you is not the full gospel. He said if it's the true gospel, you will come to a

point where you are saying my thirst is satisfied. I've drank. I'm fulfilled. I'm completed in Christ Jesus.

Thank God for scriptures that says you are complete in him. You are complete in him! All you need for life and godliness is right there in you. He said you are complete in him.

What people are looking for with sense of meaning they are looking for, people are asking the question, am I great? Am I important? Am I significant? Does my life counts? Is my life valuable? Am I somebody to be reckoned with? The questions of life that drive people here and there, to fro, those questions were answered in your spirit man at salvation.

Jesus said the water I will give to you... when he says the water, he was focusing on satisfaction. He said the water am giving to you will be a well within you, supplying and providing and producing to eternal life. That is what we see there.

Yes! to stress this further, in case you are feeling inadequate or somebody is telling you, you are inadequate, it might be a situation or it might even be somebody/personalities that you respected, that you seek for their admiration and recognition, people that speak into your life telling you, you are not enough, you need some add on, you just have to remember the word of Jesus that says he has put this spring inside of you.

And so whenever you feel inadequate or life situation is making you feel like it, you need to tap in and know that you have all that is needed for this satisfaction, to quench every thirst, to get to every hitch. Is right inside of you. You need to awaken it up. You need to tap it up. You know that it's a spring of life, is not like a tap that can run dry. It's inside of you.

So knowing that it's inside of you and the responsibility is on you to be aware of it, to tap into, to stir it up and know that you have a spring. You are a walking spring. That is it! You can never feel dry or feel thirsty. Know that you are a walking spring.

Thank you so much

You know there is one thing he said in his Word, he said the water I will give him shall be a well of water springing up to releasing the life. It means if you receive the well in you which is Christ Jesus in your spirit, he said what is supposed to do is to release and begin to release that satisfaction. It means you will need to learn how to draw on that which you have in your spirit.

And that is why in the book of Isaiah, he said **with joy you will draw water from the well of salvation.**

Can you see?

It means he's saying that people that have sadness will not be able to draw, it means there is a joy that must well up within you and that joy becomes your siphon to begin to draw on that which you have. And that is why we are here on this Bucket Ministry Series to teach you the guidelines by the Word of God - how you can lay hold and begin to draw on the well of salvation.

Let say this, it means every time you as a believer, if you are a Christian and you are listening to this and you are wondering where is this satisfaction they are talking about? You cannot feel it around your life. You still feel inferior to people that lay claim of their meaning in life on other things. You feel that you are the back foot. You feel like you are not there yet or you feel like I think I will need to have so much more for me to feel valuable. When you get to this point it doesn't really mean that you don't have the well inside of you, if you are a believer anyway... it doesn't mean you don't have the well. What it means is you are not drawing from the well.

He said the water I will give you will be a well springing out to everlasting life. It means is one thing to have the well, is a whole different thing that you begin to draw from that well.

So what you need to learn is, how do you draw? That is why I just quoted a place in Isaiah that says with joy within your spirit man, you allow the well to release that fulfillment, that satisfaction into your life. That is why the Apostle Paul will keep saying to believers (Philippians Chapter 4) he said I say rejoice again, I say rejoice.

Don't forget that the Apostle Paul was making that statement... according to biblical history, they said he was in the prison when he made that statement. Why was he doing that? What he was doing at that point, he was drawing on the well- the water of salvation.

And that is why people couldn't understand Paul. That is why you see the jailer who actually had Paul and Silas in prison, he was the one even asking them to say men, what shall I do to be saved?

Look at that! This jailer seem to be the one that had the upper hand politically speaking because he was the one that kept Paul and Silas in prison. He seem to be the one that had the upper hand. He seem to be in a higher position speaking in all ramifications.

Paul was the one that was disadvantaged. Paul was the one whose physical circumstances wasn't desirable at that time, but look at this. The man saw in Paul a sense of completion, of freedom of liberty, of a man who is living his best life now even in bonds. Some people have written some books your best life now. But here was Apostle Paul living his best life now. So the man asked him, well, I think I need something else.



I'm the one in prison. This Apostle Paul is free. That is why the Apostle Paul said the bond man of Christ is a free man. The man who is bound to Christ is a free man. That is what he said in the Word. Can you see that?

The man saw in Paul... So Paul using the device of joy began to draw on the well of salvation.

So to you today as you listen to this, come to an understanding today of the well that is in you. You know for this woman in John Chapter 4, it was a promissory note. Jesus said **the water I will give**. You know why Jesus said that? He had not been to the cross. He had not gone to die. For you, you cannot be listening anymore to the water I will give. If you are a believer, it's the water he gave.

For you John Chapter 4 verse 13 & 14 is the water he gave you. And that water in you is the spring. Learn by the Holy Ghost by joy to begin to draw on. Joy means be excited about what you have. Can you see?

Be excited about what he said you have. Place so much premium on what he said you have. Put value on what he said you had. Think about what he said you have. Put out the focus, talk about it, rejoice about it.

So in the midst of circumstance and you have to align your views to what is inside of you, that is when you refocus on this and when you refocus on this, that means you are shifting your attention from what people are saying or what is happening and be excited about it.

You know there is a place in the gospel where Jesus said there was a woman that found the treasure and he went to call his friends and say hey! I have found the treasure in my field. The excitement! That is the word! The person was so excited I found the treasure and announce it to everyone.

Are you excited about the well? Are you excited that Jesus said to you that you are a... He said he gave everything for you. He forsook his glory, forsook his kingdom, forsook his riches, forsook his wealth, forsook his godship. Bible said he didn't cling to his godship. He forsook everything because he thought you are so valuable.

Can you think about that?

And the more you think the scriptures says, there is a joy that will well up in your spirit man. That joy becomes your channel to draw on the well of salvation. That is what we see that Jesus was telling this woman. Something will happen to you that the world can never have unless they believe in Christ Jesus.

You want to say one or two things?

Yes, if you do this so well, you will be able to water other people's path. You are talking about Paul and Silas, see Peter and John too. ...they say we do not have a nickel to our knees, but what we have, that is the thing! He understand what was inside of him, though he had nothing physically when it comes to physical money, he is nobody. He has nothing. But he said this what I have...

And until we come to life, we can address life and situation and say this what I have. I know what I have that is deep inside of me. The intangible wealth of Christ. We can make use of that and we know that he bless that lame man in the little way because of what he has.

By the time we walk in the reality of this truth, we will be able to water the path of other people around and that is doing what the Lord would have us do.

Thank you for that.

Now, there is something I don't want us to miss today, we should not lose focus of something important in that verse.

Can you read verse 14, the last part of that verse?

**But the water that I give him will become in him a spring of water satisfying his thirst for God, welling up, continually flowing, bubbling within him to eternal life.**

That is the word! Bubbling!

I want you to look at that continuous tense. That is the one that we want to focus on. The continuity of the tense.

The KJV translation has the word springing up. Welling, bubbling, springing these are continuous tenses in English Language. It means a continuous activity.

So Jesus said I won't just put the well in your spirit man, I won't just come to save you, I won't just come into your heart at new birth. There will be a continuity of the process. There is a springing, there is a bubbling, there is a flowing. He said there is a continuity. That is the word I want us to focus on today.

So when Apostle Peter met the man by the gate beautiful, the man that was begging with John, when he said silver and gold we don't have but that which we have we give unto you, in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

Now there was a flow of the power of God that went into the knees of that man and he rose up and began to praise the Lord.

Now, what actually happens was that, there was a flow. It means there was a continuity. There was a power. There was something going on. Every time you acknowledge and

recognize the well in your spirit, there is springing that goes with it. Not it sprung, not it well up. He said there is a springing up, there is a welling up, there is a bubbling up. That has to be a continuity of experience that doesn't come until somebody acknowledges the well in their spirit.

And that is why today, some of you are there thinking do I need another greater spiritual experience. Some of you are trying to go from one special convention, one special conference, one special meeting where you have another level of spiritual experience so as to deal with your circumstance. You don't need another level of experience beyond the well. What you need is a continuity of springing up. That is what you need.

It is the springing up is where some other people got short-circuited. That springing, that bubbling and it never happens unless you draw on with joy, unless you draw on with acknowledgement that is what actually happens there.

The welling, the springing, the bubbling, look at those tenses. That is what we see by the Word of God.

Today we trust the Lord that we will be able to bring you up to this point of appreciation to this Word that keeps giving. Because we have some gift that people give to you just for a season.

The gift that keeps giving, the well that keeps springing, the well that keeps bubbling, the well that keeps flowing, that is what we see in the Word.

And we so if you appreciate it today. If you come to that point of appreciation today you will know that everything has been settled, because you know this is the gift that is not timed. That is the thing. That is why we have those epistles that tell us that the gifts of God without repentance but the way people deal with it and understand the gift and say oh! It is for a season and look into their life and say maybe I'm not worthy of it anymore. Somebody convince them or situation convince them, maybe they are not feeling it anymore.

And some misinterpreted some instances in the Old Testament and feel God has withdrawn this from them. And we ought to know that this gift, even Jesus was talking to that, he says it is spring up. We need to mind the tenses, is like this gift I'm giving to you, am not going to change my mind about it. The nature of this gift is so that it keeps giving. You can't outrun it. It keeps springing whatever your situation and circumstance.

Somebody might say oh! You don't know my situation. I have things that keep demanding and demanding. You cannot outrun this gift. It's springing. You are walking fountain, you need to realize that. You have the spring well inside of you and it is springing per minutes, per circumstance, for every situation you have a bubbling inside of you. You need to tap into the fullness of the spirit by acknowledging. That is it!

Acknowledgment releases joy, joy releases it. Joy draws on it. Acknowledgment draws on it. That is what we see by the Word of God.

Philemon has already said that **the communication of your faith be effectual**. It can be felt if that is the word. Be effectual means, so that it can be felt around.

So it will be nothing to you, it would have been nothing to Peter and John and it will not have been able to help the lame man if it's not tap into, if it was not acknowledged. He made a bold declaration and say **I know what I have**.

So I hope people can go into their asset column, you know when people are doing accounting and say yeah I know the gift of God in me, that is my net worth. I know what I have here. And that is why Peter was able to say that.

So till you come to acknowledge it, it becomes effective in your life.

Now, see the reason why what we are discussing this today is very important is for you to understand that everything that you need for every spiritual experience is package in Christ. At New birth, you did not receive a part of Spirit, you did not receive a dimension of the Spirit. At new birth you receive Christ. Christ in you that is what it says. He didn't say part. Christ in you the hope of glory.

Now, the question you want to ask is, is Christ compete? Oh Yes!

The answer is in the scriptures.

In the scriptures we are told that Christ is the fullness of God in bodily form. What does that mean? It means everything about God. Everything that God is in person, in nature, in his presence, in his manifestation, everything is package in Christ. So Christ is the fullness of God. In fact, the book of Hebrews call him the brightness of God's glory.

So what you received Christ in you is the fullness of God. It means for every expression you have not yet experience, for every gift of the Spirit you have not yet manifested even if it's about the gift of the Spirit. You know the nine gift of the Holy Ghost. For every gift you have not yet manifested, for every grace you have not yet exhibited, it means what is left is a continual drawing on to put faith in the Christ you have received because he is the fullness of God right there in your spirit man.

You see what we have come to do today is we expect the body of Christ to elevate, to place value and treasure, to put premium on the Christ that you have received at new birth because he says one thing, he said he has come to spring up. He says springing up, bubbling up, He says welling up. He said that is what his mission is. It is a continual impact and effect in your life on a daily basis.

Before we move away from the incidence in Acts Chapter 3, we thank the Lord that through the working of the Holy Ghost in the life of Peter and John, they were able to demystify this and I trust the Lord that we are doing the same today.

Some people are wondering and astonish looking at them as if they have done something special. He said No! It's just faith in this. We just put pressure on this. We just acknowledge. You could have done this yourself. Because really today, you know some people do this and they don't give the explanation for those people who get astonish. Today people start looking thinking it was their holiness, it was their special, some will say special covenant or something. I received this commission or something that is why it's working.

He said no! What I have is what you have received. And he went into the long history of how Jesus came. It was the simple gospel again to tell them how. You have the same Jesus. We are not talking about a different Jesus. And the same way you came into it, it was the same way I came into it. So just acknowledging that I have this. That is why we need to explain this today.

Thank you for that.

Now, what we are going to be looking at today is a seed because I want us to look at Galatians Chapter 4 before we carry on into verse 15.

Galatians Chapter 4, you can read from verse 6 to verse 10 and we see an insight the Word of the Lord has to give to us.

#### **Galatians 4**

**6. And because you really are his sons, god has sent the spirit of his son into our heart.**

Can you see?

What God sent into our heart is the spirit of his son, the spirit of Christ.

#### **Crying out**

Does that sounds similar to what he said in that John Chapter 4 that am going to put a well inside of you.

#### **Crying out Abba father**

Can you see?

He said when I put the well in you, something begin to spring up. Can you see?

He said there is a crying out, bubbling out, there is a response something that begins to flow out from our life. He says Abba Father.

Now, please understand the fact when we say Father even in the generic sense, the word father talks about the source, the origin. People talk about somebody was the father of aeroplane. It doesn't mean he went to the hospital and give birth to the aeroplane. It just mean he is the originator. He was the one... it was his idea that gave birth to that invention.

So father in the generic sense is just beyond the fact that you gave birth to. It's about the originator. From where did it come from? And that is why he used the word father for parents as well because the children came from them.

So in that sense, he is saying that we get to a point at salvation that we understand that what we received is the Spirit of Christ. And what it did is to tell us about our own origin- where we came from, our source, that we are no more from the earth, that we are no more from this world, that this world is not our origin anymore. That in the new birth in salvation, who we are, our DNA is completely metamorphosed, is completely change and says that is what we begin to cry out, Abba Father! Because we have received something into our spirit. The Spirit of Christ, the son of God.

Now go on please,

**Therefore you are no longer a slave, bond servant**

Mark that word, **you are no longer his slave**

Can you see why Jesus was making a proposition to the woman in John Chapter 4?

He said when you drink, when you get satisfaction, when a sense of who you are is coming from anything else, what will happen is, you will thirst again.

Now, if he says you will thirst again, please you were saying something the other time about the fact that a system keep going back, I don't know anything else more than that is call slavery.

Slavery means when you are not free. When you need to be with someone, when you are tie to a system, when you are tie to a denomination or when you are tie to a father in the Lord, or when you are tie to money or when you are tie to people or when you are tie to possession, or when you are tie to anything that without that thing anyway, you just cannot face life. You need it to face life, that is the epitome of slavery. You are not free. You are bound to that thing because that thing tells you, if you don't come to me again next season or you don't come to me next time, you are going to be in trouble.

Can you see that?

And the scriptures is simply saying this is what the gospel has come to smash in our life.

Can you see?

Any gospel that you have received that has not liberated you from the need to engage things, to cling to things for life to make sense for you, that is! Some people claim they have received Christ Jesus the Lord, they claim they are born again, but they have not learn on how to draw on the well of salvation themselves and yet they are in a situation where they still have to have things, people and all that to make sense of life. It means you are not laying hold of the power of redemption.

So he is saying to them that the reason God sent the Spirit of his Son into you, the reason he gave you the well that is welling up to eternal life. The reason why you are responding and crying Abba Father, is because he has come to deliver you from every slavery upon your life.

**7. You are no longer a slave, bond servant but a son and if you are a son, then also an heir through the gracious act of God through Christ.**

**8. By that time when you did not know the true God, and unacquainted with him, you gentiles were slaves to those pagans things which by their very nature were not and could not be God at all.**

**9. Now however since you have come to know the true God through personal experience or rather to be known by God, how is it that you are turning back again to the weak and worthless elemental principles of religions and philosophy to which you want to be enslave all over again.**

Now can you see what he is simply saying that this is what we actually highlighting today, that this matter of you understanding the water that Christ came to give bring satisfaction. This matter become very critical because there are other options on ground.

And he is simply saying here in the latter verses that it's amazing for those who are already saved. For those who are born again, for those who have received his well that is supposed to be welling up to eternal life, that is meant to bring satisfaction so that you will not need other waters. He says is it not amazing that you are not responding and understanding and placing value on that which you have, that now you have to look outward again for that same meaning that the water has come to give.

And that is what the society says. He says we are looking outward and going back again to those weak and worthless elements. He called them worthless. In fact there is a place he says they are no gods.

He say they even go back... he said they are not even gods because these things are competing for a place of godship in our heart.

Before we carry on today I need you to be patient with us as we begin to go through this Bucket Ministry Series because we are going to by the grace of God look at different dimensions of these things.

You know when Jesus said in the gospel you cannot serve God and mammon. You are wondering, people have quoted those verses and all that. The reason why Jesus is simply saying that is because he is saying that we are incapable, we don't have the capacity as humans, as people to actually place exactly the same premium on two things at the same time, the same level.

He says you cannot! Only one thing will be ultimate for you in life. Only one thing will be the most valuable thing for you in life. And if that thing is mammon, it means God is still valuable anyway but it's just not as the ultimate, the overarching most important person in our lives.

So he is simply saying, that is why he mentioned the word "those things are no gods." These things are competing for the place of godship. They are competing to be lord as well. Just as Jesus is lord, they are also competing to be lord.

And he says what happened is, every time you look at everything so satisfy you, you become enslave to that thing because you always need to arrange a meeting with that thing every single time. You always need to come in touch with it every single time so that you can keep being sustained by it. And that is what he was saying there.

So he was telling that woman in John Chapter 4, woman! I want to do something to you. I want to give you a well so that you will not keep going back to that water because that water will keep making you thirsty.

Now you see, before we carry on, if you can say to yourself today and simply say life is complete for me, am joyful about my life at the moment because of ... now fill in the gap.

Whatever you says because of... that is the thing competing for the place of God in your life. If it's not God, if it's not the grace of God that you receive in Christ Jesus. If you say life will be compete for me, or life will be meaningful for me until I go under travel. Can you see? Until I go to that country, until I make that connection, until I hit that deal, life will be meaningful until that person prays for me and lay his hand and pour anointing oil on my head.

Anything that you put in that place where you say I think life will be meaningful and I will be satisfied with life, until I....that thing you say is what is ultimately providing the



waters for your life even though you have the well in you that is meant to be springing up to eternal life. It means you are not placing premium on that which you have received.

So that is what we see Jesus in John Chapter 4 verse 13 making clear and bold to that woman.

In other word, my prayer today is just that this well will be elevated, the well that Christ promised and the one he had given us will be elevated in the heart of our people and we will be able to stay high in their estimation, in the hierarchy of things because really you have to see that some people are being smitten by all these weak and elemental, all these alternatives, because people have history and testimony of other wells.

People says come and draw from the well of my experience, so people are drawing from their own covenant of their relation... and say oh! that well! We see some working in this environment, this is a sacred place and everything. This meeting is sacred. This is a yearly meeting, this is the covenant about it. You come around, you can draw up from it.

But from what we have read in Galatians Chapter 4, he was talking that those things are weak... when he says they are weak, compared to the one that you have. So imagine leaving something very strong for something very weak.

So your attachment to it and adherence to is you are attaching to a weak things, to straw that cannot hold you and it's going to be tiring and you're coming back to it. We are not denying this.

But we need to elevate this and see the way this well that Christ promised this woman and which he has given us to the believers that this well that I am giving you is springing up. That it has a life of its own. So that mean having a life of its own talk about the strength. It is bubbling.

He can hold you in time of trouble. He will come through for you. And you will not be enslave to this. You will not be enslave to people's covenant. That is why people can misbehave. You cannot be enslaved to whatsoever that is on that ground.

...thieves can break in, moth and rust can destroy

All these principles and philosophy or rules of life of your life coach and all the kind that people are doing today, they are looking for this well and it is weak.

The conclusion of all these wells are that they are weak and worthless. So begin to estimate it that these are weak and worthless. Move away from what is weak to what is strong and come to that well of life and tap into that well of life. If you have not received Jesus, come into that well.

Thank you.

Now, there was one thing you began to highlight which is really very important for our listeners and viewers to grab is the fact that the Apostle Paul- the writer of Galatians by the Holy Spirit is simply emphasizing that, that which you have is the strong one, Galatian Church. But I'm surprised you have the strong one and you are going for the weak and a worthless one in your experience.

When he says weak like he said, the one that cannot hold you for long, the one that when you jump on it, you want to lie like a bird, it's going to disappoint you. That is the problem.

In fact that come with sorrows. The one that if you don't actually hit the target, it will disqualify you. It will condemn you and say can you see? You are a nobody and the reason why you are a nobody is because I set a target for you, you didn't achieve the target. Can you see? You are worthless. You don't matter.

See! These things are all encompassing. It could be financial. It could be social. It could be psychological, it could be racial, it could be religion. It could be in any ramifications. They cannot hold the deepest desire of your heart. They will deceive you.

And that is why Jesus in the parable of the sower told us something about deceitfulness of riches. They will promise, over promise and they will under deliver. Everything you turn to, will over promise but will never deliver. They can't hold because they cannot satisfy the deepest desire of your heart. Jesus said that is what he's come to do, and it is what we see there.

And that is why in time of trouble they cannot really save you. From the side of strength, it is weakness. You know they might show... you might look at them and see look at those things and say it's strong enough, it can hold me. It is nothing. It is weak. That is it! You have to get the completion of God on these things and know how it is, beyond how it appears, it is weak, it is concluded weak.

See! there is one thing that we need to understand today. The resources of the earth God gave it to us to enjoy and there is a place in Psalms that says the earth is the Lord, the fullness thereof and the inhabitants that are in it. He says he has given the earth to the sons of men. The fatness of the earth beneath and the richness of the heavens above is given to the sons of men.

That is why you notice today that people they've been granted the wisdom, well of understanding and they know how to use the earth resources, they are making great things happen. They are solving life's problem. They are solving problems in technology, in Engineering, they are coming up with new inventions, people are maximizing the resources of the earth and that is a very great thing.

And if you are a believer is the same thing. That is why if you notice some of the richest people today are not even believers on the face of the earth. It is not about saying that you can use spirituality to say you want...all these people amass wealthy. The satisfaction the gospel bring is bigger than that. It is not subservient, is even bigger than that. That is why the jailer was asking Paul for help. You see! It is bigger than that.

But what we are trying to say is, as good as those things are, as good as you must maximize those things, you must take advantage of the goodness of God upon the face of the earth. But what you can never do is to make any of those things to compete with the place of God in your life. The scriptures says every water that men look to, to get satisfaction, Jesus said you are going to thirst again.

Galatians 4 then even brings another understanding and say you will become a slave, a bond slave. And that means even though you are set free in Christ, yet you have come back and getting into the hands of other things. I don't care what it is. You can think you can get a pen and paper and write out things in your life that you are looking for meaning and definition, it will enslave you if it's not the grace of God. That is what he is simply saying here.

This is what Jesus was passing across to the Samaritan woman in John Chapter 4 verse 13.

Let's go on quickly to the book of Isaiah. Let's get another insight in this place.

Isaiah Chapter 44 from verse 9

#### **Isaiah 44**

**9. All you makers of idols are nothing, the precious object are worthless to them and their own witnesses (worshipper) fail to see unknown so that they will be put to shame**

**10. Who hath formed a god or molten a graven image that is profitable for nothing?**

**11. Behold, all his fellows shall be ashamed: and the workmen, they are of men: let them all be gathered together, let them stand up; yet they shall fear, and they shall be ashamed together.**

**12. The smith with the tongs both worketh in the coals, and fashioneth it with hammers and worketh it with the strength of his arms: yea, he is hungry and his strength faileth: he drinketh no water and is faint.**

**13. The carpenter stretcheth out his rule; he market it out with a line; he fitteth it with planes, and he market it out with the compass and maketh it after the figure of a man, according to the beauty of a man; that it may remain in his house.**

**14. He heweth him down cedars, and taketh the cypress and the oak, which he strengtheneth for himself among the trees of the forest; he planteth an ash, and the rain doth nourish it.**

**15. Then shall it be for a man to burn: for he will take thereof, and warm himself; yea, he kindleth it, and baketh bread; yea, he maketh a god, and worshippeth it; he maketh it a graven image, and falleth down thereto.**

**16. He burneth part thereof in the fire; with part thereof he eateth flesh; he roasteth roast, and is satisfied: yea he warmeth himself, and saith, Aha, I am warm, I have seen the fire:**

Now, can you see that? We are reading some very few verses. It's quite long. But please bear with us, the reason we are doing this is to show you that according to the Word of God in the New Testament that the things under the Old Covenant, they are types and shadows of good things to come. That is what the Bible say to them, the realities in Christ.

It means when you look at the old Covenant, you look at imageries, you look at object, they are types. They are revelation of the realities in the New Covenant in Christ Jesus. And that is why we are looking at Isaiah Chapter 44 in that understanding.

He's telling us here that this same man who is into blacksmith, he's forging tools, technology, engineering. He is doing that and he is even using them to keep warm- make food, to satisfy his need, which is good. That is why he says the earth is the Lord and its fullness thereof, is given to us. God has given it to us to explore.

He said this is amazing! This man is making use of technology to solve his problem. He is feeling cold, he had a wood in the fire. This is good! isn't it?

But what was amazing was he said, out of the same thing he did what?

Look at verse 15

**15. Then shall it be for a man to burn: for he will take thereof, and warm himself; yea, he kindleth it, and baketh bread; yea, he maketh a god, and worshippeth it; he maketh it a graven image, and falleth down thereto.**

He also make a god from the same wood.

What the Word of God is saying to you today when Jesus told that woman in John Chapter 4 verse 13 that if anybody drinks from this water. If you are wondering what in the world is that water?

Jesus is saying anything can become that water as long as it goes from just being what is needed for life which is basic and if it's being made into a god to worship. If it is being made into something that you now say okay! I think... instead of you just saying that this is my job, I work for a company, that is a job which is good. It's bringing you money to feed your family and to achieve your dreams but you are now saying I will make this job into something that says ha! If they take that job from me, my life is over.

If you say that as a believer, if you think that... how can you think that if they take this job from me, my life is gone? At that instance, if that is the kind of value you place on it, what you have done is, you have made it into a god.

Jesus is saying... this is just basic thing about life. He's using these things... he's forging tool this is normal. But amazingly he made it into a god and at the instance where you made it into, that is when it becomes another water to satisfy the meaning of life. That is what Jesus was telling this woman about.

So if you are wondering, what is the water that Christ was referring to in John 4:14? It is everything normal around you. It is everything basic about life. It is every technology, is every money in your bank account, every people around you, the connections, your friends, your gathering as it stop being what you use in life but is being made into a god.

That is what the Word of God is saying that.

And it's good that you drew that out because some people will just say oh! I see wood, I'm going to run away. They are running away from responsibilities, running away from innovations because people look at the tendency, oh! it could be a god and they are running away from their responsibilities, from innovations and dominated.

No! You can deal with these things and understand it from the biblical understanding... they are just meant to be wood. It's just wood to give me food which is good but not to become my god.

So we will not run away from exploit and we should not criminalize or demonize all those goods thing that the Lord has put in place because some people, there approach to it is running away, so dare run away from the good things of life.

He said the man kept warm. Do you want to feel cold? The man use the wood to make fire to keep warm.

People are running away from good things so that in time of safety to know that they will not tempted... so we need the maturity and I think that is what Expose 247 is going about, training our senses to maturity.

Thank you.

We will do anything to get it and if we don't get it we are completely devastated and we can destroy anything because we did not get it. That is how you know whether you have fashioned it into a god. This is what happened to this man.

So we have to work to find balance.

But also a deep understanding of the gospel will automatically bring the balance because then only Christ has taken that role in our life. That is what Jesus was saying to that woman, when I give you a water, the water I'm going to give you shall be a well.

So it means once it come in there, every other things around you, they will just be things of life that you use to keep warm, to get by, it will never become a water to give satisfaction.

Even for your spiritual satisfaction, your need for a God because some people they find everything, they just want to explain, why is this thing happening in bit for quest for explanation. Why am I on earth? They are not even needing this God, they want explanation to define themselves as their own mantra looking for God to save themselves.

You found out that these word will satisfy their spiritual quest for a need for savior, for a need for a definition, for a need for expression, for a need of somebody to claim you because talking about God said I'm your father, the claim of ownership, people looking for who owns me? Somebody to claim me...

So people are looking for things to claim them today and they want to do this for identity and for this to get fame, they just want to have a name. And yet, they have already have a name in Christ. They are already named in Christ. So all our needs are met from this well, that is why it is bubbling. So which ever direction you want it to come to, it bubbles and is ready to supply.

Look at verse 17, what does it say?

**17. And the residue thereof he maketh a god, even his graven image: he falleth down unto it, and worshipping it, and prayeth unto it, and saith, deliver me; for thou art my god.**

Whatever we look to, to deliver us from every sense of shame, a sense of lack or sense of inadequacy, in fact some look to their children... children are the heritage of the Lord, the fruits of the womb is his reward, not yours is from the Lord. But that which is supposed to be the fruit of the womb, that which is supposed to multiply and replenish the earth – the children and spread the life of God all over the earth could be made into a god.

How? When some people says well, if my children are doing very well then I know that my life counts. Then I know that my life was not useless. Some people say that in their heart.

They say as long as my children succeed I know my life was worth it. If you ever say that in your heart, in your mind, in your psyche, what you've done is, you've fashioned them as god. And that is what it says.

He says if that is happening to you now, there will be a question mark on whether you are drawing on the well of salvation. That is the place of the well. That is satisfaction. That sense of worth and that sense of value was meant to be coming from the well.

So the question mark is are you really drawing on the well? Because Jesus said to that woman, if you drink from that water you will thirst, you will become a slave but if you drink from the well I'm going to give to you... you know when you become a slave, even to children, you become slave to them.

Some people when their children does one or two things, they always think in their heart, if I say this or something happen, won't all my life crash because my hope is on them. 24/7 you are not relax, 24/7 you are on your toes, 24/7 you are under pressure. How did you get to that kind of slavery? Because you are not drawing on the well, the one that continually give value, satisfaction, thinking and meditating on what Christ did on the cross, his death, his burial and his resurrection. Why it was for you? Why he chose you from the foundation of the earth? Thinking, meditating, being excited about these things. He said it will spring up in you so much that you will only use things in life and things in life will not use you. This is what we see...

Now you see, there is a question mark if you go back to verse 19. This is where the Lord began to question the human race.

**19. And none considereth in his heart, neither is there knowledge nor understanding to say, I have burned part of it in the fire; yea, also I have roasted flesh, and eaten it: and shall I make the residue thereof an abomination? shall I fall down to the stock of a tree?**

He said no body is thinking that the very same thing that I'm saying deliver me, that I am getting my meaning from is the very same thing... these are the things am using in life... why is the very same thing am just using to get by, just to deal with people...

He said how come that thing change form and is now the one controlling me? The Lord is saying nobody is thinking that this doesn't make sense...

That is what we see!

So today we just implore you that you implore your thinking cap and mind the tenses of the scriptures that is saying it is ready springing forth inside of you. It has not just come to dry up or stay. It's welling up to eternal life.

And then you have to make a demand on this (draw water from the well of salvation) and

it has solution for every need, your need for self-expression, your need to understand why you are here.

So what is the last word you want to say?

I want to say you want to stick with us on this Bucket Ministry Series. We are still on the 13<sup>th</sup> verse of the fourth Chapter of the book of John. Probably almost less than half of all the verses of the discuss that this woman had with Jesus.

And we trust as you continue to join us on different episodes that the light of the gospel will break forth in your spirit, that you will continually come to a deep understanding of what you have received, so that there will be a springing, a welling, a bubbling up continually happening in your life.

So we are glad that you could join us today. And for those people who has been asking about us, we thank you for checking up on us, and we want to say we are back. You can share this message and the ones that we had. And so we want you to live it and we want to see the fruits of this in your life. That will be refreshing to us.

So till we see you next time we want to say as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him.

God bless you.

Bye!!!