

## **Exposé 247**

### **Bucket Ministry Series 28**

#### **Title: This is the Life**

We are back again. I can say we are back again just as like Peter and John, they were miraculously delivered from the Prison, and they found them in the temple, haa!! You people again? They are wondering. They can't really help themselves. They can't stop talking about all these things.

And today too, we can't help ourselves because we can't stop talking about this. Because we are talking about eternal gift- the gift that keeps giving. As long as the gift remain eternal, the message remain eternal. So you begin to see us in your faces all the time talking about this.

And we know that in this dispensation of grace and the message for now is not the message of God that gives and take away like Job was talking about. It is the God that gives and gives again, because his gifts are without repentance. He is the one that gives that does not find fault. And that is why he's talking to that woman. The well I will give to you is not just like the other well you are used to, is the well that is inside of you springing forth to eternal life.

So we welcome you again for those who have listen to the last episode, we talked about the life time gift. You really need to look at it as we continue. So we want you to bear with us. You might need to turn on the volume of your device, grab the drink as we continue this conversation in the Bucket Ministry Series.

So you are welcome again.

Viewers and listeners all over the world, welcome to another exciting episode of the Bucket Ministry, and we trust that the Spirit of grace, the Spirit of Christ will illuminate your heart, will regulate your mind so that the words that you hear will form fully in your heart. That it will be flesh out in your experience.

Don't forget we are not here for any theological exercise as it were, but we are here to bring forth the life of Christ through the Word that we declare. So join us as we go back into the fourth Chapter of the book of John.

Today we are going into the 15th verse. But before we go into the 15th verse, I will like you to read the 14th verse and continue therein to the 15<sup>th</sup> verse so that we can see the background of the 15th verse.

#### **John 4**

**14. But whoever drink this water I give him will never be thirsty again, 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.**

Now please viewers and listeners, note that word **bubbling unto**.

There is a focus of that water. The water was meant to release or to keep manifesting eternal life.

Now hold on to that.

Now look at the next verse.

What does it say please?

**15. The woman said to him, Sir give me this water so that I will not get thirsty nor have to continually come all the way here to draw.**

Now, this is quite important that we actually look at this woman's statement and the way she understood what Jesus had been telling her all along.

You know it's important that you see that Jesus and this woman were having the discussion by a well. And then Jesus being the Lord of glory always has a particular approach to people that he encountered. He tries to speak to them in their world. He tries to speak to them in their context, in the language they understand, in the environment where they found themselves.

That is why he often used atimes parables, even though you might say parables are some of the lowest form of spiritual revelation because every time Jesus goes back into the disciples in the closet, he tried to tell them the meaning of parable. He said the people out there are the one that need parable, for those in the kingdom, everything has to be expressed. There is nothing mysterious for us in the kingdom.

You know one thing, Jesus was always in that manner. At the time when they were to going to get bread and leaven, he told them beware of the leaven of the Pharisees in Luke Chapter 12. And they said he must have said that because we didn't come with bread. Because they were used to Jesus always using a natural circumstances to pass a spiritual significance. This is the point. Jesus was talking to this woman about water, about well and all these things. And he was talking about it close to a physical well.

So it wasn't that very hard to see the reason why the woman began to misconstrue what Jesus was trying to pass across, because when Jesus said there is a water that you can get, that you can have this water, you will not need to come, you will not thirst again. The woman said oh! maybe this will save me some energy and time of coming back to this Jacob's well.

Jesus wasn't referring to Jacob's well.

Please I will encourage you to go back to some of our previous episodes where we established the fact that Jesus wasn't referring to that well. He was only using the experience of the woman at the physical well as an allegory to explain something about life, but this woman seem not to be getting it because she said in verse 15, Sir, give me this water that I thirst not and do not come to this particular Jacob's well to draw.

She was still missing the point.

You know Jesus was talking about eternal life, she was missing the point.

And you see the reason why we need to talk about this is Jesus made a presentation of his kind of life. Jesus made a presentation of his water. But can you see?

This woman did not understand what Jesus was saying.

So you might want to say she didn't get the meaning of the word eternal life. She didn't understand what this life was all about.

Now, see what Jesus said in the next verse which is verse 16.

You see every time we talked about life eternal...

You know in our last transmission we were talking about what we titled **"The Gift of a Lifetime."** I am not sure some of you have heard that episode before you listen to this one.

But the fact is, the presentation of the life of God that Christ made in the 14th verse of the fourth Chapter of the book of John did not make any more sense to this woman because she was asking in the 15th verse, give me this so that I can solve my problems.

You know if I may put it, a lot of people that hear the gospel today in some churches or in some ministration that people listen to, the way some people hear the presentation of Christ, the way Christ is presented to some people they are thinking, ha! maybe with this presentation I could actually solve of my life's problem. I could probably get ahead of my peers with this kind of energy that Christ now presented.

With this kind of solution that Jesus is presenting, maybe I could live a better life than I'm living at the moment or just maybe I wouldn't need to be coming to the well all the time. Or just maybe I wouldn't need probably need to work so hard at my job if I can just find a way of using Christ to manifest and multiply my resources. Or just maybe I may not need to have that many friends like I think I need to have if I could just understand that with this Christ I may not feel lonely anymore.

People hear the gospel, they hear the presentation of eternal life and they are thinking how they can customized, how they can put Jesus into the context of their daily life to make life better to live. That is what this woman heard.

She said Jesus whatever you think you are presenting, I think it makes sense. I wouldn't need to be coming every time to draw water.

And you see this is not unique to this woman. This is what some people hear anytime you present the gospel. In fact, may I say this? In some quarters where the gospel of Jesus of eternal life is being presented, some people this is what they are hearing. They are hearing what this woman is saying in the 15<sup>th</sup> verse.

Don't forget please, it was not a pastor that preached verse 14. It was not just an Apostle that preached verse 14. It was not just a messenger of the gospel that preached verse 14 of the fourth Chapter of the book of John. It was Jesus himself. It was the King of glory himself. It was the life of God in human form himself that preached in the 14<sup>th</sup> verse of the fourth Chapter of the book of John, yet the woman was thinking that Jesus presentation was something that she could probably used to get ahead of life, or something that will save her the stress of coming to draw water again and again. It means she wasn't really getting the crux of the presentation of eternal life in the 14th verse.

It's just a shame today that it is the woman that was making that mistake in this story, but today we found out that it's even the so called custodian of the gospel that are making that mistakes and they feel like they want to come out as life coaches, they want to come out as the messages being stand out and rebranded as improvement courses.

I remember sharing when somebody stopped me on the road, he wanted to preach the gospel and was saying what part of your life do you want improvement? You know it's not the woman doing this to the Samaritan woman, is like Jesus becoming the Samaritan woman now.

So these are people that tried to rebranding the gospel as improvement courses, which part of your financial life you can walk as a life coach. And this is not what Jesus was doing. He was trying to correct this woman of this error and that is the error that people are perpetrating now.

Now you see if you are listening to this, we want to put this into the right context, if you believe in the Lord Jesus, the grace of God in your life, the power of God that came into you, of course put you in a position where you have dominion not just in the life to come but in this present world.

In the name of Jesus you can cast out devils and you have to. In the name of Jesus you should turn stones to bread like he did. In the name of Jesus you are supposed to believe in his capacity to multiply resources beyond what this world can make available to you.

In the name of Jesus, you can heal the sick. In the name of Jesus you should raise the dead.

You see, the Lord spoke to Paul, he said don't be afraid I've got men in the city. In the name of Jesus you can be delivered from your enemies. You can be delivered from those who want to put you in bondage because the Spirit of Christ is the head of the system of this world.

So it means if you are walking with Christ, you will walk in such a way that every imagination of darkness that they think they can hold against you, you can walk free from them because you have the wisdom of Christ in you. We do not deny that reality.

But what we are denying is that people come to Christ and say, hmmm! How durable can Christ be for me? If Christ becomes an utility, is Christ an utility, a means... this is what this woman thought. She said I can use you. I wouldn't need to come to the well like that.

This is what Jesus said No! You missed the point. That is not the point of what I'm presenting.

Now you will see the reason why the woman missed the point. And that is what we are going to look at in the next verse.

Look at verse 16. We are going to zero in on this today.

### **16. Jesus said unto her go and call your husband and come here.**

Let's talk about...

Now, because I presented to you eternal life, because I presented to you the gift that will bubble up to eternal life, and the reason you don't get it is because even before I presented eternal life, life was already coming for you in some other places.

Now this is the reason why a lot of people struggle with the gospel. Jesus is saying that we cannot understand the whole point of life for eternal; this life that keeps giving unless we understand that there are some other things that have been in place, that are releasing meaning, releasing satisfaction, releasing contentment, releasing fulfilment into our life already. And unless you understand that we are not going to get down to the crux of the foundation of the gospel.

That is why Jesus said I now see you don't understand what eternal life is, go and call your husband.

Can you see?

That was what Christ was simply saying here.

It means every presentation of the gospel has to identify in people's life that you are already giving, you are already getting life sustenance, you are already getting life meaning, there are something already that has taken the root in you that is giving you that life, that is giving you that satisfaction about who you are. That is putting value and worth on your life.

There is something already in place. And if you understand that there is something in place, what I'm presenting to you is to come and take hold of that same place. That is what Christ is saying.

He said go and call your husband. Can you see that?

And that is what we are going to be looking further on today that every presentation of eternal life, that every receiving of eternal life, we must receive it in such a way that we understand that what the life of God has come to do in us is not just to become something we can use as utility.

It has not just come to give us a head or to make us make better progress or to give us strength to be better in any area of life. It has not come to do that.

It has come to take hold of who we are, of what we are, of how we see ourselves, of what we think about... it has come to take root of our meaning and value in life. That is what we see by the Word of God there.

You want to say one or two things before we go ahead?

Yes, it seems like the presentation of the gospel might become ineffective if we really don't know how to identify the husbands that people are drawing meaning from, things that are idols. And it might change from congregations to congregations, city to city. And I think that Paul knows how to use that very well and Jesus even use that to know what is it inside? What is the idol for you? We need to identify that thing before we introduce that this is the better alternative.

So for this woman, we know she was drawing from something, and it was good that Jesus recognized that and say yes I can pin point it, your husband is it.

So we must be able to pin point this as a minister of the gospel, to be able to pin point who is the husband? What are the idols? What are people drawing meaning from? It might even be from the cultural values, what are the gods in their life?

Thank you.

Today if you might want to say we are trying to look what is life eternal? You know one of our daughters was asking some days ago, she was saying that what really is eternal life? Does it mean that you are going to live on forever? She was asking that question.

And you see that was a very good question to ask because as amazing as that, she's quite very a young girl, a lot of people in the faith who have been Christian for so many years cannot really answer that question in a clear and concise manner.

And our ability to answer that question in verse 14 of John Chapter 4 is what makes us to start thinking like it is in verse 15 while we then customized and turn Jesus to an utility, because we cannot answer eternal life question. We need to answer that question.

Let's go quickly to John Chapter 17, what is life eternal that we received?

Let's start from the 3<sup>rd</sup> verse

## **John 17**

### **3. Now this is eternal life**

What is that presentation that Jesus made to that woman? Don't forget if you are born again and you are a Christian, that is what you received. But don't forget our focus on this Bucket Ministry Series is to bring us all by the grace of God to the knowledge of the truth.

Now what does it says then?

### **Now this is eternal life**

Can you see that? to live for ever?

### **That they may know you**

Can you see?

He didn't say this is life eternal so that they can exist for ever. We are going to go through some scriptures today because we are trying to identify the presentation of Christ to this woman.

He said this is what it means to have life eternal that they may know you, they may come to an understanding of who you are.

Go on please?

### **the only true supreme and sovereign God.**

Please can you see? You have to understand the context of the scriptures.

He would had just said that they may know you the Lord God, or they may know you for you are God. That would had been okay. There is nothing wrong with that. It would still have pass its message across, but specifically it says that they may know you the only true God.

Now, it means if there is the only true God, you don't have a true God unless there are false gods. You don't have a true God unless there are false gods.

It means he's saying eternal life, somebody receiving the life of God is the person coming to a knowing that there is only one true God, that every other are false, every other that are presenting themselves as gods are not true God at all. He said that is what it means for somebody to be coming into the knowledge of eternal life.

That is what it means to receive the life of God, that every other thing in your life, every other thing clamoring to give you identity, every other thing clamoring to name you, you are saying you are false, you are a false god, you are not the true God. He said that is what it means to come into eternal life. That is what it means.

That is why he was telling that woman, since you don't understand what it means when I said I will give you a water that will well up to eternal life, go and call your husband.

Let's talk about the false gods. Let's talk about the things that are trying to name you. If we can knock them off, if you can come to understand that I have come to name you, I've come to define you, that means you have begun to receive that life. That is what Jesus said. Can you see?

Go on please

**And in the same manner Jesus the Christ whom you have sent.**

Now, this is what we see as life eternal.

So if you are saying today that you have received the life of God. If you are saying you have received eternal life, he said that consciousness should bring you to a point where you say the only person, the only one, the only life that name who I am, how I see myself is Christ Jesus. Whatever Christ is in me, that is what I am. Every other thing that is trying to name itself in my life is a false god. This is what it means to be talking about receiving eternal life.

Now, there is one thing about that life eternal. Now if you have a Greek concordance, in the Greek Concordance, that word eternal life is the Greek word *aionion* or *aiónia* which is where we get the word *aion* from.

Now see what the Greek concordance or lexicon has to say about that word life eternal.

It says *it is derive from the word age having a particular kind of character, a particular quality.*

Can you see?

It's not necessary about living forever. He said it's a type. It is the quality. It is a character of a life that you call eternal life.



*And it says the quality describing the particular age, the unique quality of God's life and work in the believer that this is the Lord manifest himself existence life.*

*He said the life operates simultaneously outside the time, inside the time and beyond time. And it gives time its everlasting meaning for the believer through faith.*

Now, look at this! He says something about this life.

Watch it!

*It says, it does not focus on the future per say.*

*He said eternal life, the use of that word in the Greek context does not really focus on the future per say, but rather on the quality of the life. It's the character of the life. It's the type of life. It's more about the quality and character of the life rather than the fact that it exists for ever more.*

It says, this is what is called eternal life.

**So anytime it's being received into somebody's life. The person is simply saying my quality of life, my type of life, the character of life that I have now is the same that is in Christ.** The same life of Christ and that life of Christ is what then automatically and ultimately make us see ourselves as Christ see us, as we are seen in God. This is what eternal life means.

It means you cannot see yourselves in any other way. You cannot identify yourselves in any other way. So that is why Jesus told the woman, if you don't understand what eternal life means, go and call your husband.

There is this story about the rich young ruler and if you don't actually understand this John Chapter 4, the story of the rich young ruler might be very confusing because what did the man asked for when he came to Jesus?

He said what can I do so that I may have eternal life? Well, you know some of us, we thought that the man said I want to live forever more?

If you understand when the Greek man say *aionion*, he is not really talking about you existing forever. Of course if you have this quality of life, this quality of life will make you live forever because it is the same life that is in God.

In fact John Chapter 6 says **as the Father has life in himself, so he has given the Son life and to whom the Son will give the life to.**

It means the reason why God is God, why he cannot die is because of the life that he carries. Of course with that quality of life, you will not die. That is true. But really, it's not just about not dying, it's about the quality of the life itself.

So when the rich young ruler came to Jesus, what good thing can I do to have or to gain eternal life?

You know when he came to ask that question, Jesus knew that this man doesn't understand what he is even asking for. Atimes you ask for something when you don't understand. John and James when they said we can sit on your right and left with their mum, Jesus said you don't even know what you are asking about.

Jesus was looking at the rich young ruler, Bible says he looked at the man and he loved him because he doesn't even know what he was asking for. You know why? The reason why he doesn't understand what he was asking for is that unknown to him he was already deriving his life and alterative life from something else.

He was already getting contentment, the completion of life, the meaning of life he was already getting it. So what he was asking Jesus to give him, he was already getting his fix...

It's just like people that use drug. He was already getting his fix.

So how can you ask me?

It is like you coming to me, you hold things in your hands and you are asking me, I should give something to you, and Jesus said come! You are holding on to a life and you are asking me to give your life. No! You can't!

Jesus told him, go and sell all that you have. It's just like Jesus telling this woman, go and call your husband. It's just like saying now, that you want this quality of life, you want to be defined by me, you've got to release what already defines you.

You want me to name you? You are already being name by something else.

Two of us can't name you at the same time.

So when he told the man to go and sell all that he has, all he was trying to tell him was well, let's talk about eternal life. But you know what? If you understand what money has meant to you, you will understand what I want to mean to you.

This is why people don't understand eternal life. This woman in this John Chapter 4, did she understand by what Jesus meant by... Jesus said go and call your husband. The way men have meant to you, that is the...how men have become so real to you, how you cannot continue to live your life until you have one man or the other because you see, know in this place, she had had five husband. Life doesn't make any sense to you unless you have this men that is the way I want life not to make sense for you unless you have me. I want life to become useless for you unless you have me.

That is why Jesus said in the gospel, without me you can do nothing. Do you know what that verse mean? It means I want you to see yourself as worthless unless you receive the worth and the value that I'm bringing. I want you to see your life as nothing except you continually cling on the definition I give you through my Word.

I want you to see your life as without meaning unless you lash on to the meaning I gave you through my Word. I want you to see that you are without any strength unless you lash on to the strength I am giving you.

Christ is saying if you understood what your husband meant to you, as real as they were to you, that is how real I want to become in your life. That is why she was asking about eternal life, he said go and call your husband. And the same way he spoke to the rich young ruler, go and sell what you have.

And that is what we see that the life of God in the life of a believer is not for the by and by in the future. He is supposed to become the reality of who you are, of what you see, of how you name yourself in the now. That is what we see by the Word of God.

Yes, for this woman it was the spouse. For you it might just be your children, it might be your CV. Maybe Jesus is telling you bring your CV, that project. You feel that you are doing project, this is what your life consists of because some it is just about the project, I want sense of goodwill, the charity of what they are doing, is even ministry.

So Jesus might be saying to you today go and call, bring that ministry, the things that the Lord is calling out for. It's something different.

And it's very interesting that Jesus saying go and call him and come back again. Let us do the real calibration because today, some people have come to a place of ministry and when they have messages and everything, he send them off again to become twice the son of the devil. They run again with more energy to this acquire. People come around and what they learn, when they say they are looking through the gospel and the attitude, they are even learning business skills and ideas.

And so they run off, they are not coming back again for recalibration. Let us see this in the light of eternity. So they are running off with another energy to say let's go and conquer. Let's go and acquire. Let's go and grab all these.

He was saying go and bring this husband, come back again for where the real calibration is. Let's bring it to the cross. So all these things, we are not just going to identify them and just know them and run with and say we are bringing it back, come back again and let us do the calibration.

Thank you for that.

Now, please if you are watching this today and you will believe in the Spirit of Christ, the revelation knowledge of God's Word to bring all of us into an understanding of what the Zoe life of God is in the life of a believer. It means Jesus is saying everybody has the capacity to understand what eternal life is, all you need to do is look at your life now.

Like you just said, thank you for mentioning that. For some people it's not just about like what Jesus said to the rich young ruler, for some people Jesus might just say, go and bring that things you go to, to give you peace in time of trouble.

For some of you, it might be go and bring that thing, what do you think about anytime you are falling ill, you are sick or there is a disease somewhere?

What is that thing you have?

What is the thing you always say oh yes! that is it... as long as I go to that, or do that then I think I'm fine. Where do you defer to? What do you think about that you say okay good Thank God! This is in place?

I just want to bring this story, Elisha and that woman, the Shunnamite who was saying what do you have? Somebody says I have enough, I dwell among my people. So some people it's not actually the money or what they do, some is because of the people they dwell with. The influence they have among their people, the kind of effect, their ministry, their work has confer on them

So this woman was not able to receive anything just like you say you can't receive anything with a hands already filled and closed. So she could not receive from Elisha. Elisha was saying what can I do? I'm already filled and this my fulfillment is from the people- I dwell among my people.

So we have all these things as fortress. It might actually not be money, it might be our sense of worth derived from our environment, our community- how people value us. Or the sense of satisfaction, the joy we feel from what we have accomplished. It might be people, it might even be doctrine we hold on to, that is fortress for them.

Thank you for that.

You know what Jesus is saying through this discuss in the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> verse of John Chapter 4. He's simply trying to say one thing clearly that every human on the face of the earth has the capacity to simply understand eternal life. All we have to do is just come down to the context of their life. Just tell them can you see how you go crazy about these things? You can see the things that if somebody takes it from you, you can fight tooth and nail. You can see that thing in your life that if somebody deprive you of it, you can kill them or you can see that thing in your life, if somebody steps on it and somebody tries to stop you from accessing it, you can do anything beyond your wildest imagination.

He said if you simply understand that in your life, that is exactly the way Christ want to become to you. That is what Jesus wants to become. That is what he want to metamorphose into your life. That is life eternal.

**When Jesus becomes that way to you, when Christ becomes that way to you, then you know that you have received eternal life.** That is what he say to that woman. He said go and bring your husband. I want to become that real to you. I want to become that obvious in your life. I want to take hold and take root in that same way in your life.

You know some of us, there are some things that when we wake up and in our own solitude, in our own quietness and you think, oh! is this still there? It's still there.. oh! that connection is still there. Those people they still love me, okay! That person am still in their good books. Okay! I am still going to be in that particular place. That thing is still going to work hard, and it just make you feel satisfied. It just make you feel happy with your life at the moment. It makes you feel yes... it doesn't matter if nothing else works as long as this is working. Jesus said that is the way I want you to see me. And that is why he said without me, you can do nothing.

When he says without me you can do nothing... there are some of the verses that you read in the Bible that they don't make any sense unless you put them in context.

When Jesus said without me you can't do nothing, he is not saying that because today there are people who don't even depend on Christ. Some of them might even might be a Christian and pay lip service to the gospel but yet you know that without the help of Christ, without his understanding, without his revelation, there are so many things you are doing on your own.

But when he says without me you can't do nothing, he is saying I want to be in such a way to your life that unless you rely on me, unless you think through me, unless you receive my strength, you come to a point where you say I can't go on anymore unless I have that sense of consciousness of Christ on a daily basis.

And he says every human, every person on the face of the earth can simply understand eternal life by simply looking at other things they've actually gain their sense of life. Christ is saying I want to become that real to you on a daily basis. And that is why he told that woman, before we go further you will never understand life eternal that I'm bringing, go and bring your husband first.

We need to be truthful and be sincere with ourselves when we are doing this evaluation because when you are talking and saying Jesus should be the all in all, Christ is all in all. Some places that stood as fortress for us. Some people might say yes, Christ is all in all for me, and in their demonstration of that in their ministry, they are going crazy. Some people will say with what they are doing... that is Christ, fighting for Christ but you

know that their self-esteem attached to it. It is about the empire they have built around it. You can see them going crazy but they want to at least misdirect them and feel like I'm doing that for Christ because it has the name of Christ in it.

But we have to be really sincere to know this. But some people we know, their own weakness, what they are fighting is about the career, is even about the way they go about the commission, the ministry about it and say they can afford to go crazy after all, it's in the name of the Lord. But we know that they just have the name attached to it, there is something they are deriving from it. So which means Christ is still a means to an end for them. Masquerading as if it's all for Christ.

Because we remember the sons of Zebedee, they were there, in zeal we are ready to fight. We will do this. So people need to be sincere to really

Now, thank you for that.

That is a very good thing and I think the reason why we didn't want to go to that area is because I think in the past, we might have touched some of those things where we understand that when Satan came to tempt Jesus... we did this in one of our previous episode **"The Purpose of Hunger"** You might want to look at that title and listen to.

Satan thought he could spiritualize the whole thing to Jesus when he told him to turn stones to bread. Jesus quoted Deuteronomy Chapter 8 **that man shall not live by bread but by every Word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.**

Again that word **live** there is the same thing originated from life. It means he is simply saying that man will come to fulfillment and satisfaction of who he is just simply by the word that is proceeding from the mouth of God. And the word that proceeds from the mouth of God, the Word of God that became flesh is Christ Jesus. That man will come to a point to know that once you received eternal life, he lives by eternal life.

It means Christ is an end in himself. That you are fulfill and complete now in Christ Jesus. You are righteous. You are holy. You are accepted. You are perfected in Christ. You are on top of the world. In fact you are sitted with Christ in the heavenly places, that you will not need to amass so much. You will not need to go and found a ministry. Or you will not be to be in charge and in control over this number of that or do so much exploit for you to come to a sense of contentment and fulfillment that receiving life eternal means you are contended now.

But if you now want to use Christ to achieve contentment or use the name of Christ or the ministry of Christ as a means so that you can get to something that makes you fulfill, it means you are back to square one. That is why don't allow the enemy to spiritualize things to you.

The enemy told Jesus, well, it doesn't matter you turn stone to bread. Jesus said, no! if I turn stones to bread or not, I live by the Word that proceeds from the mouth of God. This is what you are talking about.

So it means Christ is offering this woman... you know we said this in one of our past transmission, for those who didn't listen to this or if you have listen to that, we might want to make it clearer to simply say Jesus did not at any point in time to this woman counter the notion of having an husband. That wasn't the point.

Because the scriptures tell us that male and female created he them. He was the one that started the marriage institution. He was the one that actually created Adam and Eve. And he said be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth. The marriage institution was not an offshoot of a human culture. It is not an African thing. It is not a British thing. It is not an American culture.

The marriage institution was in the mind of God and it was a picture of Christ and the church. And he gave us something literal, something physical that we can see to demonstrate Christ and the church. So the idea of marriage is from the mind of God. So he had nothing against this woman having a husband.

No! but the point he was trying to say is, here we have a woman who already understood what it means to have a type of life because she was getting her kick, her life, her satisfaction, her sense of who she was from her husbands. This is what the whole point is. And that is what eternal life has come to knock in the life of a believer.

That you and I come to a point where you are simply saying, oh! thank you Lord Jesus. Thank you for you declare me righteous. You are saying I am right. You are saying that I'm complete. You are saying my sins are forgiven. You are saying I'm sittid with you in the heavenly places far above principalities and powers.

It's not until I attain that degree qualification that I know that I've arrived. It's not until I get to that particular position that I know I've arrived. It's not until I'm accepted into that group that I know I've arrived. It is not until I've attain a particular network that I know I've arrived. It's not until I travel to that destination that I know that I have arrived. It is not until I'm given a particular ministerial post that I know I've arrived. It is not until anything. It is until Christ. He says that is what it means to receive eternal life.

That is why any time eternal life comes to people, whether you are preaching it or you are receiving it. You must understood it in the context of the fact that other things have been supplying that life even before eternal life comes. And until we do that comparison, it's very hard for people to understand what they have received. And that is the reason why most of the gospel presentation that does not knock on people's idol, they are not very effective.

You can see you can't even escape this. Jesus had to use the same approach, the same presentation strategy. Why didn't Jesus just say to the woman, woman! the water I will give you will become a well of life springing up to eternal life. So let's go on now. Say after me, I received... No!

Jesus said no! this will not work until we smash that your idol. We need to tear down your idols. We need to tear them down if not, this will not work. This will just fall flat. That is why some people hears the gospel today... you know what happen to people that hear the gospel today, that is what happen in so many places of worship.

Anytime they hear the gospel, what they did is they just hijack Christ and use him to propel and promote their idol. Instead of Christ coming to smash out the idol and take place and take root, what it does is, they then use the Christ and turn it to utility to still continue the same process.

They even have deliberate action to which programs are design for that. Yes! they want their things. They are thinking about relevance. They want people to feel like instead of sitting back and read their books or go and meet this business coach, go for this. So how do we provide all these things? What stop shot the house where you can have all these and also they can get their loyalty by this. We will supply you. This is a marriage seminar we do this one, this is enrichment. This is about your career. We will bring everything up together and so using Christ to fuel that part of their life.

Now is that something new. It's nothing new. There is nothing new under the sun.

In 15<sup>th</sup> verse of John Chapter 4, that is what the woman was trying to do. Isn't it? She said I don't need to come and draw again, just give me that water.

And again I like the part she said and that is the reality of the things that is happening on ground now. Where Jesus will just say (that is what most ministers are doing) this is the life, I'm giving you this water, let's pray, say after me. And people don't really know what they are... so nobody is identify something for them. Nobody is asking them to come back to the table and let us recalibrate. Let's us talk about this thing that you are holding, these are things –false gods.

Just say after me, affirmation and everybody run off. Come back again, we need to... There is a coming back again. The gospel presentation must bring a coming back again to the table to recalibrate. Oh! this is it. We've identify this. This is what it should be. The place of that exchange that is the cross. There is a coming back again. So you are not going to send people off all in the energy to do the same thing again and again and become twice the son and daughter of devil.

It means if the woman has left in 15<sup>th</sup> verse, if the woman had gone to the city from 15<sup>th</sup> verse, she would had just said I met a man that told me ways you don't need to keep



drawing water. You don't want to stress out again? Come to Jesus. You don't want to keep coming to draw water? Come to Jesus. You want your case to be better than others who will be coming to draw the water all the time? Come to Jesus.

Now, if Jesus had left her in 15<sup>th</sup> verse, she would have gone to the town and carried that gospel, I met a man who showed me ways in which you can live the life without stress. These are the people we see on the pulpit now.

The 15<sup>th</sup> verse where you don't need to keep coming to draw water.

I think the church, the denomination they are now throwing out people like this out... yes, they are throwing people out, the street evangelist, the new age evangelist telling you there is a better way....

You've been drawing water all the time? No! There is a better way. You don't need to stress to draw water. I will show you a man. You know it's amazing that it was still about a man who will actually help you so that you don't need to keep coming to draw water. That is what the woman thought Jesus is all about.

That is why the book of 2 Timothy is telling us the whole scriptures is for training in righteousness. It's like the church is not doing what they should do. People are not fully equipped. So they are sending people out half-baked. She recounted what she thought she heard Jesus said.

They are running off at verse 15. They have not even come to understand the things themselves. They have not come to recalibrate themselves. There is no coming back again for them before running off to meet people on the street. They are reading the same the same because they don't know better. And so they talk to people, proselyting people in the same way of what they understood. So we just have this unending cycle of half-baked, people that are not thoroughly equipped.

And that is why we must expose ourselves to the scriptures. He said the whole scriptures is for training in righteousness that we will be thoroughly furnished unto good works. Because we want to do the good work of evangelizing, we must be thoroughly furnished. We need to understand this and said there is a coming back again in our life in which we have been able to identify this, until then we don't have a business talking to anybody at all.

That is why in verse 16 Jesus called and said before you go, go and call your husband. This woman, you don't get the point. You don't know what it means to receive eternal life. You don't know what it means to receive the life of God. This life of God you are going to be receiving will smash everything else in place and take root and begin to be the one that name you and identify who you are. And that is my eternal plan for your life. And that is what the gospel is all about.

And I think if the gospel is presented in this way, some people that will hear our teaching they will think twice before they give their life to Jesus. See! the rich young ruler, that is the reason he went away.

Don't forget my question is what was the rich young ruler looking for? He said he wanted eternal life, but when Jesus told him what it was. He said oh boy! Is that what it mean? Are you going to say then, I am going to say I am who I am by the grace of God?

He came for eternal life. Jesus didn't even put the words in his mouth. He was the one that said what can I do to gain eternal life? What can I do to have this nature, this quality, this character of life that makes God God? That is what he was asking for.

And when Jesus said to him, well, you know what? You are asking for life eternal. You are asking that I become your life. You are asking that you be called by my name. You are asking that you be qualified by me. But something already qualified you. You see yourself being qualified as a man of status. You see yourself as somebody that is so worthy, somebody that is valuable. You see yourself as somebody whose life counts not because of who I call you but because of what money calls you.

And you see, this is the point... again don't ever think in your mind it's about money. It's got nothing to do with money.

For example, like I said to you about the woman, it's got nothing to do about the husband because God started the institution of marriage for a man and a woman to marry. It was God's idea. So it wasn't about the husband thing.

And again it wasn't about the money or possession. It's got nothing to do with that. It's got everything to do with the fact that the human heart has the capacity... listen to our last transmission where we read the book of Isaiah that says the very same thing that we have in this world to use, atimes our heart has the capacity to transmute those things and convert them to something that confers meaning on our lives, that drives us here and there, that gives us sense of worth and meaning.

He said that is wrong and that is what we see about the rich young ruler. Jesus is saying man! there is something that has named you. I want to name you. We both can't name you. The reason why Jesus touched on that thing so that the man can understand what it means to understand eternal life. The Bible say he walked away.

I think today in our generation if the gospel is presented the way it should be presented, some people will think twice before they receive the Lord Jesus. I think the reason why some people might be in hurry to receive Christ and that tells you about the parable of the sower that Jesus said, there were some seeds that were planted on stony ground. And when Jesus gave the interpretation of that, he said they were people who receive the Word of God with gladness. They were so happy.

And am wondering, why would you be so glad to receive the Word of God? Maybe that explain the 15th verse of this woman when she was so happy. So it means there is a water I can get that will save me? That I can have peace and joy like that. Less stress. You mean I can get ahead. It give me energy boost and I can have leverage over other people, okay, come and give me this water.

Jesus said they receive the Word with gladness but it has no root. It never dealt with the things it should deal with it. And he says when offence came because of the Word, they just fell by and by. This is what Jesus was trying to drive this woman through in the 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> verse to make her understand life eternal; this quality of life that will come into you. That in every situation, in every circumstance, in every condition of life that you have only one thing to say I am what I am by the grace of God.

Somebody calls you a name, somebody tries to label you. You say I'm what I am by the grace of God. Your circumstances come to label you, you say I am what I am by the grace of God. You success want to tag you, I am what I am by the grace of God. Your failure want to tag you, I am what I am by the grace of God. Sickness and diseases want to tag you, I'm what I am by the grace of God. Lack wants to tag you, I am what I am by the grace of God. Abundance wants to tag you, I'm what I am by the grace of God. Connections, relationship want to tag you, you can say I'm what I am by the grace of God. Your culture wants to tag you, say I am what I am by the grace of God. Your race, your skin colour want to tag you, you say No! I am what I am by the grace of God.

That is what it means for somebody to know they have received eternal life. It goes down to the root and revolutionize the whole thing. It scatters your whole life. It rebounds your whole destiny. That is what Jesus told that woman. You don't understand eternal life, go and call your husband, let's rebound, let's revolutionize your whole life.

For some of you, it might not be your husband, it may be something else in your life but everybody has the capacity to understand what it means to receive eternal life. That is what Christ was saying there.

It is my prayer today that we will all come and have the understanding that Jesus had because this world system now especially the one we are in now, it's just the one that is based on algorithm, is based on what is the number, the estimation is about the number... the number in your account, the number of people under your influence, how many people can you command. It's just about numbers. And Jesus was just like, he wasn't user friendly.

He was telling the man that came to ask for this... Jesus was not in an hurry to convert and say this it does not matter. With your level of understanding... you get by and by like we are doing, like most people are doing today. He was saying no! no matter how long it takes. Because if you are really conscious about, you want people to commit on the spot.

He was saying no! this woman we need to get this sorted. The young rich ruler, you might need to go and come back again. Fortunately this woman was able to come back. I don't think the young rich ruler ever came back.

So just the time and just having the sense that no! it is not about not getting the people to commit fast, people to really understand that we have people of understanding who are making the commitment today. That we focus our mind against this numbers and how many and get to the root.

Thank you for that.

Now you see this then begin to clarify this scriptures that say blessed are the poor in the spirit for theirs is the kingdom of God or for theirs is the life of God, for theirs is eternal life. For they are the ones they are the possessors of life eternal. Why is that? What happens to those who think they do have? What's their hope?

Well they are hopeless. The reason is, even if you are loaded, even if you are graced, even if you do have things, even if you do have a status, you have a position, even if you have something, you have something you can laid on that you can say yes, this is life. He is simply saying to you that the gospel only comes, is only received by those who have become poor by those who have come to the conclusion that unless Christ is my life, I have no life. He says they are the only one that can receive the gospel. It means the gospel makes you the poor. That is what it means.

He says **blessed are the poor for theirs is the kingdom of God.**

The gospel makes you the vulnerable. The gospel makes you the one that will allow the burial and the resurrection of Christ to your benefit. You are nothing, that you have no life, that you are nobody, that life is worthless and meaningless, and valueless for you unless you lash on to the grace of God. That is what the gospel does to you.

As long as life can still be something else for you apart from Christ, it means you have not come to draw on life eternal.

This is the reason why this just doesn't happen in this world but also in the world to come. That is why I like that Hymn where it says **even when I stand before the throne, I will still say Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide...** even when I see you on the throne, when I see you face to face, I will still say I've nothing I can lay hold on to say I think am not that bad. To say I think I did well for myself.

He said when I see you before the throne, let me still say Rock of Ages let me hide myself in you. Let me still say look at Christ to qualify me. Don't qualify me by anything else. Don't place any premium on me or whatever I've done. Let it be on Christ. He said I will still say that even when I get before your throne.

And that is what it means to receive eternal life. This is what it means. It means you have lost every right in your life. You have lost every rights to be able to label or define yourself by anything else. You've lost that right.

So the receiving of eternal life is the taking away from you that kind of right. You've lost it forever. That is what Jesus told that woman. If you want to talk about eternal life, you are missing the point, go and call your husband and that is what we see there.

As we round off today, we believed the Holy Spirit that the Lord is calling forth in our lives and saying oh! maybe he's calling out for your spouse, calling out for your children, whatsoever that is standing as your husband in the case of this woman in your life. I pray that you have the sense to come back again. You will not be like the young rich ruler that went sorrowfully, that did not come back.

The coming back to recalibrate, to reevaluate so that this does not make sense, to give up your false god so that you can receive eternal life because there is no way you can hold on to that and have eternal life.

So today we just pray that you will have that sense to do the coming back again as the Lord is touching this, you will not be offended by it. The young rich ruler was really offended and went away sorrowful. The Lord touched it in this woman, touched the husband but this woman was not offended. So today we just pray you will not be offended as the Lord is touching this, and there was going to be a coming back to reevaluate, give up on this so you can accept eternal life.

I hope today's transmission we've be able to explain eternal life and I pray you will enjoy this life, you will live out the reality of the eternal life. For this is eternal life that we might know him the true God.

And there is one thing I want to say as we round off, like you just said, what we want you to get away from this transmission today is to understand the very crux and essence of life eternal. And there is a verse that came to my heart as you were talking...

**1John 3:15 it says that we know that we have passed from death unto life. If anybody hates his brother, he is a murderer. Ye know that a murderer does not have eternal life abiding in him.**

Can you see?

It will mean that if you see somebody that can hate somebody else, that can develop a serious grudge against somebody and wish them dead, he says you can tell that they are deriving their satisfaction and contentment from something else not from the life of God.

And that is why you see lots of anger in people. People are so angry to the point of wishing somebody dead. You know atimes when you talk about people being angry, we

always say they need therapy. We always say they need to go for therapeutic session, psychology evaluation, and anger management classes. As good as those things maybe, the scriptures makes us understand in most cases, the foundation of deep sitted bitterness and anger is because somebody's idol has been touched. It's because what somebody is getting their life from, something else is touching. That is why they can really become bitter and angry against people or against someone or against anything that stands in the way of their idol.

You see when the Apostle Paul went to preach the gospel in Ephesus, the scriptures tell us that there was so much anger and they gathered and they want to arrest Paul. And the scriptures says the reason was because Paul touched on the idol of the city.

In fact the scriptures said they had a temple and those people said the reason why we have gathered against Paul was because Paul was preaching against our idol.

Can you see?

Anger and bitterness! Craziess happening because of those very things.

That is why the Bible says if you have eternal life abiding in you, why are you so bitter? It means you must have been getting your life, your meaning from something else

So eternal life is being explain. And so we want you to join us in our next transmission as we continue on this.

If you have any questions please get back to us on our comment page.

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

God bless you.

Bye!!!