

Exposé 247

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Title: Make the Call

You are on to Exposé 247 and we are trusting the Lord today that there is going to be liberty. There is liberty in the house. And so we welcome you, we want you to join the company of believers because we know to them that believe, to them that receive him, he gave them the right, the power to become the sons of God.

So what else do we know about those that believe?

Well, he gave them the right to sonship. To be called, to be named sons and daughter of God, as children of God. It's like given somebody the power of attorney to use the identity of Christ as their own identity. That is the right he gave us.

And he said again that this signs shall follow them that believe, that in his name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues, they will pick up serpent, if they drink any deadly poison, it will not harm them.

Another test of being a believer for those that believe, the scriptures has said out of his/her belly shall flow rivers of living water. As the scriptures has said, and we know that the scriptures cannot be broken. So irrespective of your circumstances, you have to yield to the unbroken Word of God that to them that believe as the scriptures has said, out of his/her belly shall flow rivers of living water.

And with that introduction we are kicking off today knowing from the last time that we spoke on this platform where we talked about **this is your life**, talking about this conversation of this woman at the well.

So we know that if you believe, if you remember just as the scriptures has said out of your belly shall flow rivers of living water. So welcome to a new word of gushing forth in your spirit, irrespective of what is happening in your environment you have to yield to the gushing forth that has been planted in you.

So sit back as we continue in this John Chapter 4 verse 14.

I think we've actually gone on to verse 15.

Now viewers and listeners all over the world, we welcome you again to another exciting episode of the Bucket Ministry Series on this Exposé 247.

In our last transition where we talked about “**This is the Life.**” We actually specifically ended in verse 15. In fact we actually began to encroach into the 16th verse of the 4th Chapter of the book of John.

Now, follow us quickly as we carry on today. If you look at the scriptures, again we are reading the 4th Chapter of the book of John and we are currently on the 15th verse encroaching to the 16th verse.

We want to read the 15th verse again please, John Chapter 4 which is the discuss between the Samaritan woman and Jesus.

John 4

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.

We discussed that in the past transmission. Please check out for that.

Go on to the next verse please

16. At this, Jesus said go call your husband and come back.

Now, you see we began to talk about this. But today by the grace of God, we will dwell deeper on this.

Thank you for that. I like that version.

It means based on what the woman said about the fact that she wanted the living waters, Jesus responded in the 16th verse and this is what Jesus said. Jesus said to the woman, go and call. Go and make a call for your husband and come back.

It means Jesus was simply telling the woman that now if you said to me that you are ready to lay hold on eternal life, let's get down to business about this eternal life thing. Go and call your husband. Go and make that call. Go and do that thing which you usually do. Do that which is important to you or do that which is uppermost in your mind and which is the most significant for your life.

Now, you see the reason why Jesus brought the issue of the woman going to make a call or going to bring her husband is not because Jesus didn't know she had no husband.

Can you read the next verse which is the 17th verse?

17. The woman answered, I do not have a husband.

Can you see that?

So Jesus knew (he is the king of glory, all wisdom, all knowledge is in Christ Jesus).

The book of John tells us that Jesus knew what was in the heart of men and he needed no one to tell him what was in the heart of men. That is the book of John. He knew what is in the heart of men. He had all understanding. He knew the woman had no husband.

So there must have been a reason where Jesus asked the woman to make a call for an husband that he knew didn't exist.

The reason Jesus will say that is because he was trying to pass across an understanding to that woman. He was trying to wake her up if that is that the word you want to use. He was trying to trigger the woman. He was trying to get a kind of reaction from the woman because he knew she had no husband. But he still told her, go and make that call.

That issue of husband is that which is uppermost in your mind. You want to receive eternal life, if you are ready to receive this life, don't forget that this life that you are going to receive is not just going to be an addition or an appendage to your previous life. It has actually come to take the foundation, to take the root in your life.

So Jesus mentioned to the woman that which was uppermost, that which was the most important part of life for her, that which was the defining point for her in her life which is the issue of husband. Jesus said let's talk about eternal life, but let's first talk about the things you have been making call.

And then you see this is amazing to us because, don't forget that when it comes to salvation in Christ Jesus, it is about the call.

Romans Chapter 10 verse 13 says **everyone that shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.** Can you see? Even in salvation, even in deliverance from the power of darkness into life. Even in deliverance from the power of sin. Even in deliverance to enter into the fullness of the benefit of the Son of God.

The Bible says those call on the name of the Lord... so the person you call unto, the thing that you call unto in the time of trouble, the thing that you looked up to, that you make the call of, that is really the defining thing about your life.

And the reason why Jesus asked her to call her husband... you know as we begin to look further into this thing, we have to make some things very clear, very open about the Scriptures.

If you notice Matthew Chapter 6 verse 33, which is a very common verse in the scriptures, when Jesus said seek you first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, all other things shall be added unto you.

You know some people when they read this kind of verse, they have a kind of notion, a kind of ideology about what they think Matthew 6:33 means.

In fact some people think it probably mean that if I take God serious in my life, if I take my prayer life serious or if I gather at 10am or 11am in the morning for a church prayer meeting when I should be at my place of work, if I do that and I give God my time, I give God my focus, it will guarantee for me that God will help to put food on my table. That is the way people think it is.

They say oh! yes, the reason why 10am on Monday morning we have a church prayer meeting for 2hrs and I am not in my place of work because if I seek first, the kingdom of God, I know that God will add all those other things like food, shelter, clothing like things I need for life, God will add that unto me.

And it seems to be the kind of general perspective people have about this scriptures. Some might not even put it in those ways. Some might even say well, if you do evangelism and if you preach the gospel to other people, if you spend your time to do the things of God, God will have a way of rewarding you with things of life, for those lost time. And if you ask them why do you say that? They will quote Matthew 6:33 that seek ye first the kingdom of God and other things shall be added.

Well, that does not make any logical sense. Why did I say that? Because if you look at the context of that scripture, why did God give you brain? Why did he give you mind? Why did he give you skill? The skills and talent of God in your life is for you to work the creation of God. Can you see?

We've done this in the past transmission. We did say it was God that gave the mandate to Adam to till the ground. God give him the mandate to replenish the earth. God gave us the mind, the will, the intellect. He gave not just Christians, he gave to humanity to work the earth. Can you see that?

To turn natural resources to finished product, for technology. This is the wisdom of God in men.

So God is not simply saying to you that, try to serve me and I will put this... what he said in Matthew 6 if you look at the surrounding verses in context is, he said the pagans seek after these things. These things are the defining point for pagans.

The word **seeking** there denotes **pursuit**, denotes **focus**, denotes **identity**, denotes **life**, denotes what **summarize what their life is all about**.

So for pagans what they will eat, what they will drink, their ratings, how they appear before the world, how people see them and in what they put on their body, their skin, how they look like, how they feel...All these things are the things that define their life. That is what drives them. That is what they are all about.

But for you what the gospel does to you is Christ says I will drive you. **This is why he said, seek ye the kingdom of God, he didn't say and its righteousness. He said and his righteousness.**

It means get your righteousness, your justification, who you are, what is your life? He said Christ said I am that to you now. So when I am that to you, it means other things of life that define the pagans, those things will not be agenda for your life. They will become addendum. Does that make sense?

It means what you will eat can no more define you. I will make it an addition. He's just saying even when you go out there to work the earth. When you go out there to do what you do, the gospel works in your life in such a way that all of those things, they don't become your agenda for life, they become an addition to your life.

So the addition is that those things don't define you. That is what we mean by addition. All those things will not become your agenda, they won't become your life. That is what unbelievers can never achieved.

In fact, if you notice unbelievers, for those who are not born again. They wear the same kind of cloth you wear, they eat probably the same type of food that you eat, or probably in your place of work, place of employment. So there is nothing different.

What is different from them and you is that for them, that is there life. But for you, Christ is your life. And those things are just addition to you. They are not the agenda of your life. This is what the gospel does.

So Jesus was speaking to this woman in the 15th verse of John Chapter 4 that I want to become your agenda. But you already have another agenda, go and call your husband. This is your defining point. This is what makes your life your life. And that is the reason why you've been going from one husband to the next. It is your life but that won't become your life.

So don't forget the Lord Jesus Christ in salvation does not come to be an addition for us. He's come to be the agenda of our life. And if he becomes the agenda, every other thing around you must become the addition. That is what the gospel does. Gospel makes everything in your life an addition because Christ become the agenda. This is why he told that woman, you want to receive eternal life. I can't really find you woman...

The woman said Jesus give me this life, and Jesus is saying where are you? I can't really find you because your life is in those men. Go and call them. I need a life to quicken. I need a life to make entrance into. I need a life to take hold of. At the moment, there is no such life. That life at the moment is hidden in those men.

And that is why I like the scriptures that say to believer, **our life is hid with Christ in God**. It means our life is hid with Christ. It means if you are looking for me, I don't have a life of my own, Christ is my life. Can you see?

At the point of salvation, at the point of new birth, once I made the decision to receive Christ as my life, to receive Christ as my identity, to receive Christ as the source, the energy, the drive, the focus, the meaning of my life. So am not available to any other thing but in this John Chapter 4, in the 15th verse. The reason why Jesus sent the woman on an errand to look for her husband is to say woman! at the moment that is where your life is and we need to recover your life back, so go and call your husband. It's time to take back your life because I'm coming to be the essence of your life.

This is what the gospel is all about. This is the focus of the gospel and that is what we see. That is why he said to the woman, we need your life, we need that life. At the moment that life is hidden in other things, but I want to become your life. That is what we saw in that 15th verse of John Chapter 4.

It seem we cannot get to the end of this Matthew 6 verse 33. We've been having it as recurring reference in most of our messages.

So I will like to direct our audience whom we believe the Lord is giving hearers. Some people are hearing from all continent to some of the topics. We've covered some of these in Knock Out Season. I can't remember the topic now...

I think we called it **Agenda or Agendum**. That is the title you need to look for in our previous transmission. It will actually clarify to you the real meaning of Matthew 6:33. You need to look for that episode. If you listen to that, it will break you free to enjoy the liberty of the Sons of God.

I know you might have some other things to say but something just came to heart. You will notice that the things we are looking at in the 4th Chapter of the book of John, as basic and fundamental as some of those things are, they are the essence of salvation.

A lot of people who said they are saved, who said they have believed in the Lord Jesus, in his death, in his burial and resurrection. In most cases, we don't experience the benefits of that redemption and it is because we don't understand what we have received.

A good example will be for example, if you buy a property, or some type of real estate or something, you know there are times that you sign the document that could show that you actually purchase that property. Legally at the point of signing the title deed, at that point it is yours. At the point it is yours legally speaking. If anybody want to take it from you, you can fight at that point in which you sign the document.

Now, the fact is, it is not until you enter into the property that it becomes yours, not until you have the keys and then you open the door, now I have entered the property, now it is mine.

In fact, the same thing happen to a tenancy. If you want to rent a house and you want to live inside. Because of technology in the 21st century, now you can sign digitally. Isn't it? They can send documents online or by email. You can sign the tenancy that simply says from this particular date, you are the legal person to be living inside that property.

At that point you sign, it is yours. That's actually what happened at new birth. That is why Hebrews 11 says faith is the title deed.

But you see, it is not until you enter that it become yours, it is when you sign.

But the experience of you being the owner of that property or the experience of you being a tenant in that property only happens when you walk into, then you experience that which is what was yours in the first place. This is how new birth works in the new life of Christians.

A lot of Christian even though they simply say I am saved, I'm born again, my sins are forgiven, I believed in Jesus Christ as my Lord and savior. Bless God for your life. Objectively it is true, but what this exposition on Bucket Ministry series is actually achieving is to take that which is just a legal fact for you as a believer to bring you to the point where you begin to practically work in that liberty.

Can you see that?

I mean practically experience that which is yours. And that is what we are doing on this Exposition.

So simply say if you are born again and you have received eternal life and the understanding of eternal life has not brought you to a point where Christ is saying being saved is not just an addition or an improvement program. That being saved, Christ is saying I have come to be your life. I define you. I called you and the call upon your life is my call. My identity is your identity because I took your identity now, you take my identity. Start living life like am living through you. This is the whole point.

So we are driving ourselves by the Word of God beyond the objective into the subjective, into the reality of the experience of that which we have received. That is what we see by the Word of God.

Well, it's good that you are hammering on the new creation realities for people to really understand because some don't even know, they think they just have to belong. You have to believe before you belong. And when you belong you can start behaving. And the

behaving is not just to become, the behaving is just who you are, and what he has made you to be. And we just have to understand this distinction and differences.

Thank you for that.

So then we see that it is one thing to believe, it is another thing to walk in the reality of that which you have believed. It's like when you have the title deed, it's a whole different thing to walk into the property.

And you cannot be by just belonging. You just have to believe to become. It's just like about this citizenship and residency in which you can spend several years in a country does not make you, you don't have the right to be. And you can have the citizenship given to you from another country and you start enjoying the rights even when you have not step into the country. People gets their citizenship even away in different country and they have the recognition and the rights and privileges which is even much more... a different case from somebody who is a legal resident for years and you cannot.

So is not about just belonging, that is about the belief to become.

Thank you for those words. That is very important.

So we see what Jesus is inviting this woman into and the same invitation goes to all of humanity, that Jesus is simply saying you have to stop making the call you used to make. There is a new call to make. The call of Romans 10:13 **“Everyone that shall call on the name of the Lord”**

And again I like the part that he said when you were making a reference to that woman, I was thinking Jesus was looking for where are you? Because you are so clouded and surrounded by these men, I can't even find you. That is why he came to seek the lost.

Some people are lost among their cultural ties. They are not living their life's any more. They are living according to the social expectation, the norms. They have adopted somebody else's life, somebody else's culture and Jesus is saying where are you woman? You are so clouded by this philosophies and all these learnings. I can't even find you-your original self. I can't find you in it.

Jesus is addressing that today to separate us, to say let your real self-stand up. Let your real self-come forward. It might even be relationship. Even in ministry... some things that are even legitimate and is very good and all these works, charity works. For you are lost, we can't find you. You are surrounded by husband. Your life is hid in those things.

That is why he said go and call your husband.

So today go and bring all your certificate and awards, let's retrieve your life back. Go and bring your responsibilities that you are proud of, that people know that you are of, where are you from all these things? Let's get the real you. Let's get your own thought.

Some people they thought they have enlighten mind, but they are just speaking and voicing out somebody's else mind and philosophy, and that is what they are learning and claiming that it is theirs.

So Jesus is dissecting and said we want to get the real you. We want to do away with the all the paraphilia that surrounded you, all the other garments that you are.

Now, if you listen to what we are saying, if it sounds to you that we are talking about works righteousness. That is far from the truth. We are not even saying that you have to do this or do that so that you can walk in the reality of what Christ did for you on the cross. That is not what we are saying.

We all know salvation cannot be earned. If it is something that you have to earn, it is not the salvation that is from Christ Jesus because Romans Chapter 6 verse 23 says. He said **the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus.**

So of course it is a gift. Nobody can say how much can I retrieve my life from all those things, that determine how much I qualify to partake of the gift of salvation. That is not true. Nobody is saying that. We are not saying that.

But what we are simply saying is, **even though salvation cannot be earned, salvation must be received.** Can you see?

It cannot be earned but it has to be received. And if you received salvation at new birth... And if you are hearing this and you already saved, don't forget that the scriptures say as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so you walk in him.

So if you receive him at new birth by believing the Lord Jesus, you must walk in him by the same receiving principle. You must continually draw on. You must continually hold. No wonder Paul told Timothy in the first Chapter of 1 Timothy, he said lay hold on eternal life. The same way you got to the point where you say, Christ I have no life. You see at a point this woman said I have no husband. I've agreed, I've come to a point where I simply say what I thought was life is not life. What I thought was sustaining is not sustaining.

In fact, the woman came to an agreement with Jesus when Jesus said if you drink of this water, you will thirst again. So the woman came to the conclusion well, at the moment I didn't even have an husband. And Jesus actually spoke to her later, we are going to get there.

But the fact remains, at salvation if that was the outlook, if that was the perspective that you have that brought you to salvation. The scriptures says for you to continually walk in victory you must carry on with the same perspective. As you have received it, so you have to walk in it.

So salvation cannot be earned but you must understand that you must continually receive. As you received at new birth, you must also keep receiving to walk in the freedom of what you have received.

I will like to rejigger our memory back on the opening verse when I was quoting John Chapter 1 verse 12. To them that receive him. So we know that Jesus has been given to the world in John 3:16. He had already given but to them that receive not to them that he was given to. To them that received... not even to them that earn or to them that deserved him. No! It's to them that receive him. So it's not about to them that he was given.

And again I want to get back to this verse 17, the 'a' part what we read. The woman said she didn't have husband. Because today, we are calling out forth for people to come out, and some might say oh! really I don't have those things you are talking about. I don't really have those activities, all those accounts and achievement are not because this woman actually rightly said she did not have an husband.

So today the Lord is calling out to come, though physically she did not have an husband, but the Lord says come out of the shadow of those things.

So people might need to come out of the shadow, so they might not be able to see the thing tangibly around them, surrounding them, suffocating there life, but the shadow. They have the heavy presence, the shadow, the cloud of those people are on them. The cloud of those thoughts. They have those hanging philosophy on them, hanging traditions on them. It is at the cut throat in them

The Lord is calling come out of the shadow, even if it seem I can't find the physical thing, tangible thing, there is a shadow of those things..

Thank you for that and thank you for bringing our attention to that.

But what you will notice as we begin to carry on, you will notice that this woman did actually had a man at that point in time because Jesus said the one you had now is not even your husband. She still had a man even at that time. But the good thing was, she came to a point where she agreed with Jesus, all these cannot suffice.

Even though I don't have any husband, just like you said. She had five husbands. As we carry on, she came to a point where she agreed with Jesus in what Christ said in two verses before that say, if you drink from this water you will thirst again.

I don't care as long as anything other than my grace, as long as anything other than the life I give is what defines you, you will always get to a point where the thing cannot continually sustain your deepest desire which is why the younger brother in Luke 15 parable came to a point...Bible says he came to himself, and Bible says he began to be in want. Don't forget that he didn't start with want. He started with... in fact everything was okay when the father gave him everything.

This woman didn't actually start with no husband. She had the first husband.

Can you see?

When the first one didn't work out, she had the second one, she had the third one, she had the fourth one, even she had the fifth one. And at the point that Christ was talking to her, she had a man anyway, maybe they have not actually legitimize the whole thing.

But the fact is, she came to a conclusion that what I thought was life, what I thought would sustain, what I thought would define me, what I thought will make life worth living, actually I have come to a point, I don't even have any. I don't think this is actually scratching anymore.

So she just came to an agreement with Christ Jesus where he says if you drink from this water, you will thirst again. Now you are saying you have no husband. Can you see? You've been drinking from that water.

But I will respond to that, because on balance of reflection for the woman and in her further reassessment she was able to agree with Jesus that she actually had one man. But again, we can see that she had a hanging shadow of the other five.

Exactly!

So she later accepted that oh! there is one that actually I have not counted but yet there is a shadow of the hanging shadow.

So today people are coming up, they might still have something just one, okay they have to sit down, deep sitted thought and think about it. They might just have the one, but does not exclude them from the hanging shadow of the past involvement, past cultural belief. Jesus is going to deal with that, the one that, the shadows, the hanging shadow, all the five men that physically disappear out of her life, and the one that is actually physically present.

Jesus want herself detach from her past and from her present.

Thank you for that.

Again, I want to just emphasize that as believers...

Again I don't want you to hear what we are not saying. We are not saying the quality of your detachment determines the quality of the salvation that you are going to receive that you have to..., how far you can detach yourself is how far Christ can lay hold or Christ...

No! that is not what we are saying. Not at all... That will be works!

That is not what we are saying.

What we are simply saying is that **no one is ready to receive eternal life as long as they have a life sustenance that is based on any other thing other than the grace of God.**

Reception is what we are talking about. Laying hold is what we are talking about today on this transmission.

There is something I want us to look at about before we carry on. I want to talk about a lady call Letitia Wright. The reason why I want to talk about this is a good example of what we are sharing. A practical 21st century example.

Some days ago, she won a British Bafta Rising Star Award for being the rising star. And right before thousands of people, the royal family were there and all that. She actually made a bold statement. She came out, she is just in her 20s. She came into the UK when she was few years old and she grew up in North London. But when she won this award as a rising star in fact, she appear in some of this movies, the Black Panther and she also acted in the Avenger.

But she is British anyway, but she made a statement when she was given the Baxter award just some days ago, she said this **'I identify as a Christian'** and she said **"Thank you Jesus."**

And then that really got me investigating. Well, somebody will come to the podium in such a secular gathering like this and said, she didn't say I believe in Jesus which would have been a very great thing to say. She didn't even say I think am born again which is very great thing to say. But what actually caught my attention was the identity statement that was made. She said **I identify as a Christian and thank you Jesus.**

And then she said this is the reason, she said quite so many years ago she had lot of She went to depression, psychosis and a lot of other thing that happened to her and all these, and that eventually she had to actually ask herself a question, what is life all about? What is the whole point of life?

And in asking that question, the answer that came to her is the gift of God that was offered in Christ Jesus, the one that doesn't ask you to perform to earn your own salvation. The one that doesn't ask you to perform to justify your existence, the one that doesn't ask you to perform to define yourself, not on a self-salvation project.

She said that is what the world was asking for. Proof yourself, Qualify yourself, who are you? But that question was answered in Christ Jesus and she only receive that gift of God.

And she said, that broke her free from depression that when she came back into acting in 2015, she was showing up in lot of things and all that, but yet the statement she was making is, I identify, none of those things labels me. That is what she said. She didn't just believe that personally or in her own private life, she came to make that bold declaration at the Bafta award that I identify as a child of God.

Now, look at a statement, what she said on the **UK Morning Talk show "This Morning."** She said **"I needed to take a break from acting because I really idolize it."**

Can you see that?

"And then I came off it and I went to a journey to discover my relationship with God and I became a Christian."

Now does that sound a bit in line with some of the things we are talking about? She even the used the word idol.

Can you see?

And then, we did say that is what the human heart does. Acting is a good thing, isn't it? Being an actor is a wonderful thing but she said, her own personal confession that what happens is her own heart converted because she...the acting had to be good for her to feel great about herself. She had to be in the good books of the Directors for her to know that her life counts. She said she idolize it. She derive meaning, satisfaction, thirst...

Can you see?

She drank the water to quench her thirst using acting and she said she went to depression. But then she said now that she had found Christ. She is a Christian. Now, her life is define by who and what Christ calls her.

And then you see, now she is walking in that liberty and we pray that the Lord will continue to strength her because of that bold statement.

So this is what we see... That is why if you notice that some people might say well, the Bible is an archaic book. Some people said that. They say it is an old book. They say who read nomadic book in the 21st century.

Let me tell you sin is the same old age problem. It doesn't matter whether you live in the 1st century or you are living in the 21st century, false gods, idols, identities other than the grace of God is the same human problem. Nothing has changed about the problem of humanity. The same thing that Christ was conversing with this woman about in John

Chapter 4, is the same thing we are still talking about in this particular 21st century. I just used a classical example to show you that.

That is why what we are talking about is reality. If you don't lay hold on these things and walk in the reality, what Jesus said will surely always come to pass over humanity. Saying if you drink from that water, you will always thirst again. That lack, that deprivation, that emptiness, that devastation will always be there. Not only in time but also in eternity. That is what we see by the Word of God.

And the good thing is, Jesus is calling to everyone because for her, that was acting, for us it might be anything.

It is all encompassing, isn't it?

It might be ministry, family, children and what they are, what they are going to be can be. Anything can be.

But the good news is Jesus say come unto me, all ye that are laden with this. All this pressure and burden from work, of this our sense of responsibility, burden from ministry, burden of things, our rightful things that want to turn to become an idol and crushing us and being pressed like this.

He said come unto me, ye that are heavy laden and I will give you rest. That was the rest that Jesus was promising this woman in John Chapter 4. The rest from this battering from all these men, this hanging influence of all these men in your life. He says come off and let me give you that rest so that I will stop you seeking the 6th and the 7th.

Because the way you are going, you could go to the 10th and 12th and you will not find what you are looking for. So it is a burden of this pursuit, of defining yourself by all these, because by the time you are doing this, they change the label, they change the standard for you. By the time you get this award, you get this accomplishment, it would have change. It would not be the same measure again. It is not going to be that same figure again. You have to do more and more to impress, to be accepted as society changes values and things...

He says come off these, come off and let me solve this for pursuit for you once and for all. And the same call is going forth to you today that you are going to come into the rest of the Lord as he helped you from all these pressures.

Thank you for that.

Is it not amazing that people who are believer in Christ Jesus, who are born of the Spirit but have not been walking in the reality of that rest? And that is why we are here on the Bucket Ministry Series to explain the gospel.

Can you see?

To explain the gospel, to make you understand the reality of what you received because the rest is yours in Christ Jesus. The justification is yours in Christ Jesus. The acceptance is yours in Christ Jesus, the righteousness is yours in Christ Jesus. The perfection is yours now in Christ Jesus. The completion is yours now in Christ Jesus. The satisfaction is yours now in Christ Jesus. The peace of God that transcend all understanding is yours now in Christ Jesus.

So if you are born again, if you are a Christian, your understanding of salvation in your life was supposed to knock down every idol, everything that satisfies your thirst, everything that quenches your thirst other than the grace of God. That was salvation in Christ, receiving eternal life. Those are the kind of questions it should have answer in your life. And if those question are not answer, it means you have not fully understood what you received.

And as you begin to listen to this episode and begin to understand this thing we are sharing, we trust the Lord that this thing is going to take root in your life and you begin to lay hold on the liberty wherewith Christ has set you free. That is what we see in the Word of God.

So today from here with the authority that Christ gives, we declare liberty for everyone hanging to all these relationship, all these abusive and dependent relationship like this woman was hanging to all these men.

So people hanging to persons, a pastor or anything that is defining there life and putting them on a pressure and making them going helter sketcher, moving from one pillar, making the grace of God of no effect in their life, not walking in the true liberty which Christ set free.

Today we say there is liberty for you and we declare freedom. Amen

Now, you see there is one thing we need to say about the word righteousness. You know every time we use the word righteousness in a common sense, most of us end up thinking about the fact that is about not living in sin, is about not living in life with ungodly actions. That is true. That is completely acceptable. But the word of righteousness is actually deeper than that. It is more than just actions of do's and don'ts. It is deeper than that. Because you will notice Romans 6:23 that I quoted earlier on today, it says **the wages of sin is death, and the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus.**

Take note of the contrast between wages and gift in Romans Chapter 6 verse 23. It simply means every form of self-realization. Anything that you come in to that has to be earned, can you see? He said the wages... Anything that has both be earned, any identity that you have to earn, that you have to labor for, he said the wages.

As long as wages denotes that you get a pay for work you have done. If it is based on the work that you have done that you are going to gain your identity. That is sin. That is why Romans Chapter 14 says anything that is not of faith, it is sin.

As long as you want to attain any status and that status is based on your contribution, it doesn't matter what the status you are talking about, whether it is relationship, whether it is ministry. As long as the status you want to gain is dependent on your contribution, it is sin.

In that Romans 6:23 there is nothing about lying or stealing or whatever, its encompasses that but it is bigger than that. You can't just limit your mind to that. As long as any status has to be attained by your labour and your effort, you have make the grace of God of no effect in your life.

I didn't just say that, the Apostle Paul himself said that in the epistles. He said if righteousness could be achieved by the works of the law, Apostle Paul said that means Christ has denied in vain. He said what is the point of the death of Christ? What is the point of the gift of eternal life? If I can attain my own self-justification by what I do, if I can actually feel that I am right by my job, if I can feel that my life counts because of the kind of connections I have, if I can feel that I have arrived because of my bank account, if I can feel that I have arrived because of my race, if I can feel that I have arrived because of my ethnic group. If I can feel that I have arrived because of my political inclination, if whatever makes me attain any labour of righteousness, so righteousness really in this case is not about the actions of morality, its about anything that justify me as long as it is based on my contribution, that is sin.

And that is what will never satisfies that Christ was saying to that woman in John Chapter 4. He said don't even think about it, if you do it, you are going to come for the second husband. You are going to come for the third one. You are going to come for the fourth one

In fact, may I say, I know a lot of people tend to think this woman in the fourth Chapter of the book John is wayward in the fact that people always label her promiscuous.

But I think we might need to be careful to cut out some slack. The reason is, don't forget that in the context in which this took place, in the cultural location and setting where this took place, let's not forget the fact that only men have the right to divorce women.

Because if you notice Jesus himself said in the gospel, they asked Jesus, Moses asked them to give the bill of divorcement to the wife for whatever reasons, that is what they told Jesus. It means the men are the one that has the right to divorce the woman, even up till today, there are some parts of the world where only the men are allowed to divorce their wife, so it is not something strange to conceive.

We don't know the reasons why those men are choosing to leave the woman alone but at least the women came to an understanding that she doesn't have a life without man and why? Because the culture, the culture is strange. The same culture says if you see a single woman in that culture, who is not married, they will think something is wrong with her. They will disqualify her or ostracize or condemn the woman. That same culture.

But even if the woman also decide not to stay single so that she doesn't get this label as a bad woman and she tried to get married and she get married to the 2nd, 3rd, 4th man. The same culture will then say to that woman, something is wrong with you, why did you have so many husband? The same culture..!

Either she was single she was going to be ostracized or whether she even made attempt to have husband and the husband leave her they will say there is a problem with her because why are the men leaving you?

Whichever way she goes, she has come to a point where she knew that being labeled or given an identity by the culture will not satisfy. She couldn't do it. She had to earn it. That is why she go in for the 2nd, 3rd ... she want to earn a place and Jesus said woman! It is not going to satisfy.

And you see again, what we are saying today might sound very similar to people that promote individualism in their culture that says yes, that is true! We've come to a point where we must not allow society to label us. We must define ourselves. We must affirm ourselves and chart our own course.

Seeking our own personal truth. That is the trend now.

Exactly! Our personal truth. Everybody has their own truth neglecting the one that calls himself the truth.

Yes, he says that is my truth, I am living my life. I am living in my truth. And they feel like, the way I am coming out, I am living the life, I am being truthful to myself. That is relative truth. That is falsehood.

You are right! but you see, the reason why that is worst is that is even more fluid, because the one that actually depended on the culture is even probably slightly better because at least there is a stability for a while that can stabilize you.

You can say as soon as I can be a good husband. If I be a good wife or am a good mother or a good father or am a good employer or am a good employee or am a good person in the society, at least the society can give you an identity and say you are a good man or you are a great man. That is a level of stability. But the one that you are trying to attain by yourself is even more fluid.

I think that is the reason why today in the 21st century, there are more cases of depression and psychosis than has ever been in the world. The reason is we have situation where people have taken on the burden to name themselves. It is a very hard thing to do. And the reason why it is hard is because even your desires keep changing.

Some of you, as you are listening to this, you will notice some few years ago, if they ask you, what do you want to do? Where do you want to be? Probably it was one thing. Today you are even focusing on something different. Your desires are inconsistent. Can you see?

And it is that same desire that you want to name yourself when it is even inconsistent. Some people today they said I feel I am a male, tomorrow I feel like I am a female. These things are changing. And how then do you want to hang your identity on something? Even your own desires are fleeting, they are changing. That is why it is a big burden.

I think one of the reason why there is a lots of mental torture and tension today is because new generation wants to name themselves. They've taken on a task that is very pressurizing. That is what we see.

What complicates the matter is not even about their own desires fluctuating, it is even about the standard of the society, the expectation of the society fluctuating. There is going to match somebody they are in imbalance in their own system and desire with the already ever changing standard.

Exactly!

...which is quite very confusing because they did say the reason why they are different from their fathers is that in the generation of their fathers, they have to conform to society, family values, but I think it is the same problem again. Even though they claim there is individualism, but there are still trying to play to the gallery... to somebody's thought, people's opinion.

So really this issue of freedom or I am free to become what I want to be without anybody imposing their value on me, is actually a mirage.

Yes, that is why Jesus talk to those people then. They said you are promising us freedom, we have never been bound to anybody. They said we are sons of Abraham, we have Abraham as father, so we have never be in bondage. They did not realize that time that they have a bondage over them.

So people are looking at themself and say am in this western world, am not in the archaic country, I have moved away. So I am not in bondage. They say I am free! We have Abraham as father. We have the constitution. We have the progressive laws. We have this and this versus that and that.

So we are better off, we are not in bondage. We have the freedom of expression here. So we can do anything and appear anyhow. We can change whatever we want to do and feel like there is no bondage.

If the son of man set you free, you are free indeed. And that is where freedom is.

Thank you for that.

You know am happy that you did mention that because I trust the Spirit of grace today. He's passing a very significant message to the whole world, not just to believers but also to unbelievers who might come across this video as we are transmitting by the grace of God.

You know one thing is this, it is just self-deception for people to think about the issue of sin and saying well, the doctrine of sin. People talk about sin and some people say salvation from works... in fact there are times when you preached the gospel to some people and they say you need to believe so that you can be saved.

And the question somebody now asked is, saved from what? And you said sin? And they said which sin are you talking about? I am not a bad person. I tried to live well with people. I tried to do to people the way I want them to do to me. In fact, some people might say they are living by the golden rule of Jesus Christ, and some of them might be fighting for the cause of the homeless. They are fighting for social justice. And they seem not to be able to conceive the notion of sin and some preachers of the gospel get confused at that point.

Some might say well, let me try and ask them, have ever lied before? Those might sounds good, those might sound great but there is a deeper way to deal with the problem of humanity today.

The reason is, sin is not really about the actions or what people do or don't. In the gospel as long as it is wages, as long as it is a life that comes from what you do. As long as it is a life where you derived your meaning from the works of your hands.

If God is the one that created you. If God is the one that made you. If God is the author of your life, if God is the source of your life. He demands that you worship him. He demands that you love him for who he is. He demands that you respond to him for what he did for you in Christ Jesus.

If you are not responding to that and you are responding to other things, you are responding to husband like this woman in John 14, you are getting your life and your kick from anything else, you are trying to get wages. Can you see?

You are trying to get paid for your input into life. You are trying to get label and get name by what you do. This is a disdain. This is a rejection of God. You are rejecting the

gift of God. And saying I want to reject the pathway of the gift, I want to go down the pathway of wages. That is sin. That is why he says the wages of sin is death.

So people need to know that they are living in sin just by simply coming to the realization that up till now you've been living your life, you've been trying to get your self-worth, your value, your meaning in life, from what you do. You are trying to get paid by wages and you are rejecting the gift of God which comes through Christ Jesus. This is what sin is all about.

That is what the world needs to know that as long as you are not in that pathway, you are living a life of sin. It doesn't matter about your actions or inactions, that is not the point. Those are just properties of something deeper and that is what the foundation of sin is. And that is what we see by the Word of God.

Okay! I can but talk again to refer our audience to some of the titles in which we have talked about it, **redefining sin** and **what sin is**. And to know that the sin is just like coming short of that standard, the glory of God, measuring yourself against the glory of God.

If you feel you have what it takes enough against the glory of God. Good luck! It is not your own standard, it is not your country's regulation or constitution we are talking about. We are talking about the glory of God. The one that even Moses had to cover his face from. That is what we are saying. You are measuring up to it. Everybody is a sinner by that. And Jesus was saying it. So sin is beyond the actions and inactions.

And again we found in Romans when he was saying he that doubt is damn even if he eats because he eateth not of faith. So whatever it is not of faith...

If it is not of faith means, that comes from works. What I am doing... I know we keep saying about the issue of ministry, it is the same thing.

If your ministry is going well, then you think yes, this my life. Yes, my life is not wasted. My life is important. And when your ministry is not going well, then you feel like you have no life. That is just a point. Your justification, you want to get it from the works of your hand. And that is the problem with sin.

From the good works of your hand, even because people when they look at works, when they hear the works, they feel you just have to be bad. Good works, charitable works, trying to be a father in the home, and trying to be there, they are good works. It is not about the works. But deriving a sense of satisfaction and identification from that. And say yes, because I am a father first, I am a mother first. Deriving all those satisfaction.

I will like to say Matthew 6:33, seek ye first. That is the word. It is about what comes first. That is the thing. What comes first?

The answer you know... if somebody is save and they know what it means to be saved. That is what we see by the Word of God.

We have not even read the whole verse of verse 17 because of time, I think we just have to read it before...

17. The woman answered I do not have a husband. Jesus said to her, you have correctly said that I do not have a husband.

18. For you have had five husband and the man that you are now living with is not your husband. You have said this truthfully.

Okay good! It means you have five husband. You have gone through the cycle.

Some people might be listening to this, especially if you are a young person, if you are somebody who has not gone through a lot in life, if you are somebody you might be a bit sarcastic about this thing we are talking about. You might be saying what are you talking about?

Am very sure when she had the first husband, if somebody says to that woman that Christ wants to be your life, the woman can say this is life. I am living the life. Oh yes! I am delivered from the expectation. Society now will accept me as a woman of virtue. I have got my husband. This is what it means to live a life. She would have said that. But blessed be God. She's gone through five husbands. Can you see?

Some people that are hearing this might say what are they talking about on this transmission? It could be because you've not actually tried things out. You've not actually tested things out. Blessed be God for the young brother in Luke 15. He actualized tested things out. He said give me the portion that is due me. And the Bible says even though he had the portion, he had half of the inheritance, he began to be in want.

Well, you don't want to get to the point where you wanted to test out Jesus statement in John Chapter 4 where Jesus said you will thirst again. You had the first husband, you will need the second one, you will need the third one, you will need the fourth one, you will need the fifth one.

So this woman has come to a point where she had actually tested out what Christ was saying that if you drink from this water, she now agreed that you will thirst again.

How did we know? She said at the moment, I don't even have an husband. How come she is back to square one?

And that is what life does to people. It sets in confusion. It sets in depression. People live in hell at the moment now, because they are trying to get their kick of their life from anything else other than the grace of God. That is what we see there.

Because of time today, next week you want to stick with us as we begin delve deeper into this matter.

It is good that you mention for those people who are young. And it doesn't have to be young in age, young in experience and exposure. Maybe they are just in their first husband and feel like we have all the time, I have my options. I can take the challenge. Let me try out on this. We want to tell you, the experience is not always the best teacher. Because you might not be able to recover from it. You get burn out completely, and no redemption factor for you.

So we have seen a woman who has gone out, who is ambitious and passionate and has gone far and even with the sixth... So I don't know what is your own counts now? or what do you think? We have already told you the expected end for this, what is going to happen. It is just like it is an unending cycle. It is tiresome. So there is no end to this quest.

Because she must have started like oh! I miss it in the first husband, the second one will be very good. I know what am looking for, am matured. That is why you cannot count on the maturity and exposure. I know better than somebody else because I have been there, so I feel like yes, am confident with all these lessons that I have learnt. I can bring this into the second one.

She went in with all her full strength and her upper sleeves. All the experiences she had gathered with the first one and all the plans about this and failed woefully. That is it! It is going to fail. Whatever it is that we are doing that is outside the life of God. It is going to fail woefully. There is an end to it. It is already declared end. There is nothing you can change about that because it is the Word of the Lord and scriptures cannot be broken.

From the Lord you can found rest. From this rest, we invite you that you step out from all these shadow, from all these things that are defining and labeling you, all these things that have conscripted your life into one small space and say come out as Jesus was saying to that woman. That you step out from all these shadows of all these men that you are relying, depending on and say come to me, I will see you for who you are. Let me see you for who you are and I am going to give you that which you are looking for.

And so we are happy that you join us on this transmission today and we are blessed that the Lord is blessing you through this. Should you have any question, anything comment for clarification, anything, any request about this message. You can come to the page. Come to our page and some because of the situation where they are, the places where

they are, difficult to reach us or something, they do private message, we are open to that. If you have some questions you need to ask, you can send the private message to us on this.

So till we see you next time, because we are just on that verse 17 &18. We are ending with verse 18 today.

So till we see you next time, we want to say we want you to join us at least continue with us because we have not gotten to the end of this conversation.

So we want to say as you have receive Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him.

God bless you.

Bye.