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...and those who have made a call, we want the redeemed of the Lord to say I am redeemed. Those people that they have.... for them to be ransomed, let them say I am ransomed. I am delivered. I am sent away free. That is discharge without condition; unconditional discharge.

There are some things we just have to say. We must make our list to align with what was done in our heart. And even the scriptures was saying about some things that we say and some things we continually say.

He says **let us say continually the Lord be magnified**. So there are some things we need to know to say and there are some things we must continually say.

And so we say like the Psalmists I make a boast of the Lord, there is a righteous boasting that you need to say. You just don't say I have the joy like everybody else. You just have to make a boast and say the joy I have is like a river that is springing unto eternal life, the world has nothing on it. That is what the Lord gave to this woman in John Chapter 4, and that is what we've been discussing over some past months now.

So talking about this spring of water, the one that the Lord gives. It is not what you can get from school and sit down with. This joy does not come from meditation and all those esoteric mindfulness and all those consultation. It is the joy that comes from the spring that springs from eternal life. And we get to see this because this is what is done in us.

And so we welcome you again as we go beyond verse 18 of John Chapter 4 today. As we want to see further how this conversation is going between Jesus and this Samaritan woman.

Would you like to summarize or bring people back to where we are?

Now, viewers and listeners all over the world, wherever you are, we welcome you to this Bucket Ministry Series.

Don't forget the vision behind this series is simply to draw out for believers and even for non-believers the implication of the gospel that if you believe in the Lord Jesus, how are you going to live tomorrow? How are you going to demonstrate that tomorrow? What is the implication for your life tomorrow if you believe in Christ Jesus?

So we are looking at that using the platform or the basis of the discuss between Jesus and this woman of Samaria as the basis for us to understand these things. And we've gone through quite some few episodes.

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You need to look at these things so that, that which you have received, you can walk in the reality of what you are. And that is the goal, that is the vision, that is what the Lord has mandated us by his grace to express to the body of Christ.

So welcome today to this new exciting episode.

Like she said we actually stopped in the 18th verse of the book of John. And it's been exciting. We've been looking at things and we believe by the grace of God, as you listen, your understanding is blown open, the insight of the Lord will rest upon your spirit man so that you can draw on the things you listen to in the Word of God.

So join us today as we go back to the 18th verse of John Chapter 4. You want to read that please?

No! Before I go, I will like to say thank you for all the comments and suggestion. And for those who are talking about the volume, I hope this volume is right for you today? And if it is not, you can still let us know.

We welcome your feedback, we appreciate that. We appreciate it if you let us know if you are listening to this loud and clear.

You can go on please.

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

Okay, thank you for that.

This is where we actually stopped.

Now, as you began the introduction of today, something was laid in my heart and I think I want everyone to listen to that. When you were talking about the joy of the Lord and things like that.

What actually came to my spirit man is to let you know that Jesus said to us in the gospel. He said my peace I leave with you, not the way the world will give you peace. So the Lord Jesus was saying by that very fact that the presentation of the gospel of the Lord Jesus, there are lots of imitation out there in the world.

You have to know there are imitations. There are replica. There are what I call representation that the world present of the very same thing that the gospel promises the believer. There is lots of competition out there, if you want to use the word. In the business world, they talked about competition. When you have a business and you are delivering a product and you notice that other people are making claim that they are delivering the same service, and the same product to consumers.

Now, you need to know that the gospel of the Lord Jesus has a competition. And that is why Jesus said the peace I am giving you through the gospel, the peace that will reign in your soul through the gospel, the world might present a different type of peace as an alternative. But the difference will be that the peace of the world can be taken away. That is the word.

He said not the way the world give peace because the peace that is given by the world, a satisfaction, a completion or a sufficiency that you get from the world, Jesus guarantees that it can and it will be taken away by and by either in time or in eternity, it will be taken away.

And this summarizes the discuss between Jesus and the Samaritan woman, telling the woman, I am bringing something that will endure to life eternal to your life. Everything you might have had up till now will not endure. That is just the foundation of the gospel. And that is what we've been looking at in the past few weeks.

And it was good that the Lord actually acknowledge that this woman has substances where she drew from. She had husband which was truthful. He was saying that was truthful of you that you really had husband, you have something you are taken up. You know the water before. You've been taken, drinking water that is not strange to you. (Drawing back on what you've said about, there are other means about this)

There is a means for thirty ways to peace, seven ways of joy, but he is saying that joy that I will give, this water is the one springing, it is not sinusoidal. It is not based on what is happening in the market or news. Some people come into joy because they bought this. They have this today. They have this title today. But this one is not sinusoidal. It is springing until eternal life. It is not a river that dries up. And that is the difference with what he is offering.

Thank you for that.

And that really brings us to the point. See, today I think before we go on to this 18th verse and delve into this by the grace of God. There are lots of things to actually talk about that will make us understand better this 18th verse.

And you see this is the reason why am not sure if I have said this in the past, but it's good for us as believer in Christ Jesus to understand the use of the word **righteousness** in the gospel.

Every time we hear the word righteousness, when the scriptures says **for by grace are ye saved through faith, it is not of your selves, it is the gift of God less any man should boast.** And he then goes on to say **the one that knew no sin was made sin for us so that we can become the righteousness of God in him.**

You see every time we read that, we hear that the fact of the righteousness of God in him. Believers tend to always think in term of morality which is a very good thing, anyway, that is a right thing to say. But it is deeper than that.

When he says the righteousness of God in him, the very essence of the Greek word that was translated righteousness is the word that we get the word justification. A justification for your life, a justification for your existence, the value and the significance for your life. Are you condemned or are you not condemned? Are you qualify or disqualified? This is what righteousness is in his very essence.

And what the world system tries to do to every human being on the face of the earth is the world tells us, I have got something that if you subscribe to, you will know that you are somebody of value. You are justified. Your existence is justified. This is the essence of righteousness.

So Jesus said what I present in the gospel, I justify you. I qualify you. I say that you are complete. I say that you are sufficient. I say that you are accepted. And that is what Christ brings to us in the gospel.

Follow us as we go to the 18th verse of John Chapter 4.

See what it says.

For you had five husbands.

And look at that.

You have had! You have possessed. You have experienced. You have explored.

Because some people they felt they are being restricted all along maybe because of the settings they are, they just have one way of doing things. And you are saying no by force, you must follow this, that is the tradition. And yes, they've not had the means. They don't have the motive to explore.

Some wants to explore, they don't even have the means to explore. But this woman, we found out that she had tasted it all. She had gone into the one to the fifth, and even the sixth one. She had not actually be satisfactorily recognize.

Fully recognize.

You see! that is the degree of exploration there. This is beyond social convention, am going to go to the sixth...

A smile came to my face because I don't understand the fact that we've been casting this woman in particular light in the past previous episodes. She seem like somebody who is the bad foot of the society. And of course a lot of Bible commentaries agree on one thing, most commentators agreed that.... most of them say one thing that the reason why this woman came to the well in the noon when the sun... You don't come to the well, because it is very sunny.

The Bible says she came at an hour which is roughly about 12 noon in our own time. They believed she came at that time to the well, because she was an outcast, a reject of the society. She was trying to avoid other women coming to the well, because she believe she will be the subject of gossip. Is that okay? Of course because of her morality.

And understand the traditional settings in those...their values...

She was a woman who you can call a woman of easy virtues. She is somebody whose morality was not that reckon with. Also we know the fact that the kind of tribe she came from, she was a Samaritan.

We have said in the past that Samaritan were looked down upon by the Jews. They were considered to be the race.... their racial classification is something that you don't want to reckon with. They were just in the bad foot.

So generally she seem to be somebody who didn't have much going for her in life. But yet, the Bible says she had five husbands.

Now, the reason why I emphasize that is to tell you that it doesn't matter what societal classification you are, cultural wise, racial wise, financial wise, whatever strata, even family wise. It doesn't matter what classification the world put you into that makes you think, I don't think I have nothing. I'm even the least of my father's house like Gideon.

It was Gideon who was saying he was the least, he doesn't even qualify. It doesn't matter what you think about yourself. Everyone has something that they lash unto to make meaning for life. That is the point we are trying to clear because it is amazing that Jesus said, this woman, you know you had... You've been in possession of. You are somebody that we can still say there was something you were holding unto in life.

Could it be a psychological way of handling a reject and so it's making her, pushing her to know I must do this, I must cling on....

It could be a reaction or something like that.

Well, you are right. Reaction or no reaction, what we are trying to say is, it doesn't matter the financial, physical, psychological, social level anybody is in life. People will always have something that he actually cling unto to make meaning out of life. So that they wouldn't go mad. So that they will say yes, I think there is something going good for me.

It is just about life even if you go to some nations or some countries where they are generally disadvantaged. Some of them can say, well, the reason why I don't think I want to envy people in the other side of the world who seem to be better, at least we have great families here. Or we have a great religion here or at least we have a great morality in this nation.

We are not like those people, they might be rich but at least we are much more moral or at least we are much more family conscious or family oriented unlike them that have lost family values.

Now it's almost hard like I said if not almost impossible to find a human being who doesn't hold on to something by which they can make meaning out of their life, or to explain their situation. Or to just know that you can't really cast me away.

This is what we learn that Jesus said this woman look at somebody that was a reject, at least you've been in possession of something. And this is the very same point we are trying to make about the fact that, justification wasn't something that started with the gospel. Being justified doesn't start with the gospel.

What started with the gospel is being justified by faith. Justify by faith is what the gospel brings to say that the Lord justifies us, the Lord qualifies us not on the works of what we've done. That is what the gospel is about. But being justified itself, trying to prove that I am someone, that I have value, I have significance is not something that began with the gospel. Humanity has always been in search.

And for me, humanity has always try to say don't call me nothing, at least I have got something that is better than you. This is what we see. That is why people try to justify themselves.

So Jesus was saying about this woman even though she looks like somebody who has nothing. But at least she has had five husbands.

You want to say one or two things?

And it is good for us and people that are approaching and trying to converse with people to know that you cannot judge people based on what you know, what you have because people might have look at her... Thank God Jesus did not look at that woman and say... look the way the society has classified her that she had nothing, because if you are

judging by based on where you are coming from, she does not merit it, she does not have these things. She had nothing.

But you have to see beyond, to see that no! from where am coming from, she might look like she had nothing. But there is something she is clinging unto to justify herself, to justify her existence.

And so we need to address that. The things she is holding unto is as equally important the same way like those of the things she did not have. So we need not to be blinded by that.

You know what? As you are talking I see the relevance of this even into the body of Christ, the church of the living God in some parts of the world, if not in some people. There are some pastor when they are in charge of a lot of people, they have a big congregation, mega churches, they can say at least we are making progress, at least we know we are making impact, at least we know the Lord is using us because of this.

And when you then go to the so call ministers of the gospel who have few people under their discipleship or who are pastoring very... They will say well, at least we are speaking the truth. At least we are the ones preaching the truth. It doesn't matter that we are small in number, at least we know that we are doing the will of God and God is pleased with us. We know we are doing it right even though we don't have much people.

You see, what we are trying to say is, it doesn't matter...

Justifying their smallness based on oh! it must be that we are doing the right thing.

Or they can say it doesn't matter that we are smaller than this, God is pleased with us. Those people who are big, God is not pleased with them.

Everybody has something they are holding on to.

The problem is being an age old problem of Adam in the Garden of Eden. It is the same thing.

As long as Adam became naked, he had to just look for something. It will always look for something to say am a person, at least am not naked. Am not ashamed. Am not guilty. Am not condemned. Am not disqualified. I have got something that others don't have. It's just the search of humanity.

And the very core of that mentality is what the gospel of the Lord comes to strike and that is what we see there.

So Jesus was speaking to the woman who we think was a reject, who we think was nothing, Jesus said look at what you had. You've been in possession of... There is something that has become your life line. Even though people think there is nothing going for you. But you know you have a life line.

And may I say this, when you present the gospel or when you receive the gospel, whichever one the presentation or reception of the gospel, if it doesn't go deep down to say to anyone on earth and say you know what? The very thing that life line has been supplying to your soul is what Christ say, I have come to supply. I am your life. I am your righteousness. I am your justification.

If life asked you a question, who do you think you are? You should open your mouth and speak to life, I am what I am by the grace of God. You should speak to things and say I am what I am. If they ask you, who are you? If they ask you why should we listen to you? If they ask you who do you think you are? You can answer and say, am clothed in the righteousness of Christ, in the dignity of Christ, in the grace of Christ, in the expense of Christ, in the life of Christ, in the ... whatever Christ is to the Father. I am clothed in that alone and nothing else justifies me. This is what the gospel is.

And unless we say that with all boldness and believe that in the core of our heart. It is not about what you say, it is about what you believe at the heart level? Can you see that?

People will say things but when the rubber hits the road, what do you really believe at the heart? What do you really do at the heart level? This is what we call belief. And this is what Jesus was saying to this woman, woman! You've been in possession. You've had five husbands.

That is what we see there.

You want to say one or two things?

Yes, is a general conclusion to know that there is nobody without anything (it doesn't matter what society classes you, you've got something) and the gospel is able to address everything. So nobody should feel, no minister of God should feel inexperience and feel intimidated by this, by the presence or absence of some of the things in people's life. Everybody has something and the gospel is there to display that thing.

Thank you for that.

Before we carry on, you know there was a question... in the last two episode where we just making a detour to Mathew 6:33 talking about **seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness**. I began to meditate on that some two three days ago. And I began to receive understanding on the fact that why would you talk about righteousness in the midst of .

Why is the Lord Jesus talking about talking about seek the kingdom of God and his righteousness? I thought what you are talking about in context is about what people eat, drink and put on? I thought that when we are talking about righteousness, we are talking

about the purity of my character? The purity of my decision or singleness of purpose, or you are a righteous man.

If I say to you today that man is righteous. What comes to your mind? If the man is righteous, it means his character is impeccable. It means the man has no skeleton in his cupboard or the man is somebody that you'll find nothing wrong in his actions. This is the very first thing that comes to our mind.

But it doesn't make sense if you limit your understanding to that by reading Matthew 6:33 that says **do not seek what you are going to eat or drink or put on because the pagans seek after these things, then seek the kingdom of God and his righteousness.** And am wondering what is the context?

Am glad you ask. **The context in the very thing we are discussing today, that the Lord is simply saying that the pagans will try to justify their life based on their things. Their righteousness is from those things.**

Some feel they are righteous because they are financially responsible for people. I am what I am because of the chasing of what to eat, what to drink.

The chasing of those things have actually put something on me. It has clothe me. I have merited some things, some right standing in the society based on this. And the society has credited me that I am somebody to be reckoned with. Am different from others, I am somebody people should look up to. So am the standard.

Even what you put on, your dress. Some people now aspire to works. Your life is just like an aspiration, they begin to aspire to what you wear now because you are the standard. You are the righteousness.

You see the Lord use righteousness in Matthew 6:33 in a way that stand odd to how we understand righteousness. So he is saying righteousness is far bigger than talking about somebody bowing down and say, he looks humble, he is a righteous man. No! he is saying righteousness should be understood in the context of pursuit of life. That is the word! Because he was talking about life pursuit. He says pursuit of life, righteousness must be understood in that context.

Pagans will get their righteousness from their pursuit, but you will get your righteousness from Christ. And he said his. He didn't say **its** righteousness. He says **his** righteousness. Your own righteousness will come from a person, but pagans' righteousness will come from life pursuit. This is what Matthew 6:33 is all about.

See! **Your righteousness will come from a person, their own righteousness will come from pursuit of life.** This is the dividing line between saved and not saved, between born again and not born again. Born again is deeper than just saying say after me. It is unless

somebody come to that point, they are not really saved yet. He said seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness.

So it means for you being justified for your existence has got nothing to do with your pursuit in life. It's got something to do with a person. But the pagans' righteousness will come from pursuit of life. And that is it.

So this is what we see. This is what Jesus was talking to this woman about in this verse.

It seems you've not gotten to the end of Matthew 6:33...

No! the more you read it, the more things unfold and you say why is he talking about righteousness in terms of pursuit?

Is it not a shame today that even in the house of God we are having pagan communion? Because people want to justify is the Lord with them by what is happening around them? So we see the place of fellowship, is even about paganism. Is about endless pursuit of comparison, of how to make this things make sense, of if we are righteous, this is what should happen to us, if we do this and this. Using those things to justify God's people, justify God's goodness.

And so we see an endless pursuit even in the place of prayer, all those prayer points are gear to proving you know it's just about you go from 9 to 5 to do the work, mental work. So they come to a service and they still do the praying in the same way. So it's just the same work, endless pursuit like pagans. So pagans' prayer, offerings.

Everything is just about righteousness to justify themselves like yes, God is with you. If actually you are righteous, this I what should be happening around or my life is meaningful or my life is great or am living my best life now. That is what we see.

Thank you for that.

That is not strange because we've seen scriptures that actually addresses believers talking about idols. We've seen in 1Corinthians 10 that talk about let us keep ourselves from idols as some of them did when they sat down. Watch that! He says they sat down to eat and drink and to play... pursuit

Idolatry in eating, drinking...

... the pursuit of your eating and drinking. People have make God out of their belly, and people think I must have this and so they are ready to do the fasting. They are ready to do the necessary.

God has become a means to an end.

So they want to become somebody of note, they want to be somebody of need, that people know them for this, so using God, and using his activities, things around God, religions things to proof this.

He says idolatry out of eating, idolatry out of leisure and entertainment. That is it!

Everything is good for you to play, everything is good. It is a good thing to eat and drink. It is a great thing because the earth is the Lord and the fullness thereof. He gave us all these things.

He spoke to Adam in creation, he said I've given you every herbs bearing fruits, every seed, everything that brings forth. Go and explore, eat! He said I have given you for food, no restriction. That is what he told them in the garden. God wants us to be blessed and God is actually blessed us in Christ Jesus.

But what he said is, I want to be your justification. I want to be your righteousness. I want to be your benchmark. I want to be your sense of qualification that when you wake up in the morning, you are fully confident that I'm living my best life now. And he asked you why? And you said, well, how does it sound like when you know all the favour, all the acceptance that is in Christ Jesus was transferred to me because I believed in the gospel, and all my condemnation, all my disqualification, those voices that are speaking within me that I don't amount to nothing. Christ took all that to the cross. That is why he was forsaken. And then you were saying, this is what I believed. It doesn't matter my circumstance, this is what I believed. This is what I live by.

And you know fully well, there is a spring of water inside of you that has nothing to do with the situation. He does not respond to what is happening around. That is the point. That is the whole essence of what the gospel is all about.

That is why when Jesus encountered the woman in verse 18 of the fourth Chapter of the book of John, she said woman! People think you've got nothing. But I know you had. I know you've been in possession. That is what we see there.

And you are not stopping at the fifth. Only God knows how many number should have gone without Christ intervention, interrupting...

That brings us to something very point. You just actually touched a very important point about life.

He said you have five husbands, even the one you have now is not even your husband.

So you've gotten to a point where you've got a desire, you've got something that need to be met. You've got a void that need to be filled. You've got a sense of significance that need to be met. And you actually been holding on to the first, second, third, fourth, fifth and then even now, you've become so addicted that is the word you want to use.

You see what sin does to us, he makes us addict. You know people talk about addiction, people who tend to think about people who are addicted to drug, addicted to smoking, addicted to sex, addicted to all these things. But what they never see to understand is, sin as a matter of rule generally makes us addict.

How? Because every time we have this hitch, that we have to scratch this that is hitching us, and we think well, at least the first husband that will... you know what?

We don't know the reason, we are not told in this particular discuss between Jesus and the woman why she had five husbands. We don't know but it doesn't matter that we don't know really. That is not the point. But the fact is, she had to keep on going with the number of husbands. She had to keep on with the game, in fact up to the point that when she couldn't get a husband, she had to get a man by all means.

Am so happy that this woman we are having a discussion on... in this 21st century but this woman is a worldly subject because the sixth husband that she is with now, it means she had exhausted the legal means.

And today we are face with some new generation of sin that people do not know anything about, they don't have label for it. They don't even know how to handle even the world... We see people in parliament, they don't really know, how do we do this? How do we make law around this now? People are more getting used to... so is a new generation thing.

We can say she was cohabitating.

Is cohabitation isn't it?

Whatsoever she is doing or she is planning to do further, it means she has exhausted the legal means, the legal avenue...

She had a partner...

She had the one that the society has already defined. It seems that they had already defined. She had exhausted it and she is moving on, none stopping.

So we cannot say whatsoever is happening now is so strange, we cannot find any correlation in the scriptures. So whatsoever is happening in the Western World, in the 21st century, we can see this in this woman, that this woman is exploring to a conventional means of living life.

Things that has not yet has a label, that has not been properly labelled. It's under contention. She is exploring to find fulfillment through it.

Trying to find fulfilment and contentment and satisfaction in life.

And technically, she had become an addict. She is addicted. She's got to have them so that she can know that her life counts, so she can be served by...

Now, what we find out is, this is the cycle of addiction to life, to things, to circumstances, to situation, to people, so that we have to keep drawing on these things, so that we can know that our life counts. So that we can know that we are not useless. So that we can know that we are somebody of value. This is the cycle that sin brings us into, the addicted cycle.

And this is what I will simply called hell. We see people atimes when we talk about hell, I know some people says we don't believe a good God can sentence somebody to hell. People says things like that. And I think in some of our past episodes, we've actually did look at the scriptures where it is true.

You are right, a good God will never, can never sentence anybody to hell. Because you know why? He already sentenced himself. The Bible says when Jesus was dying on the cross, there was so much darkness, the sky turned dark. The scriptures says this is the hour, the power of darkness and he gave up the ghost. He put hell on his Son. He put the curse upon his Son. He put the disqualification upon his Son.

Jesus said my Father, my Father why have you forsaken me?

He put being forsaken upon his Son so that you don't have to receive that abandonment.

Of course you are right, a good God couldn't do that because he is good. But at the same time, he is just. And because he is good and... because atimes some people are good but they are not just. It means in their being good, they will rather kick against justice. They will change the rule of the game so that they can favour somebody. That is being unjust.

The Bible says our God is faithful and just. And because he is just he had to punish sin and he did that on his Son Jesus so that you don't have to receive that condemnation. You are right. A good God will not send anybody to hell.

But what we see in John 3:17 we saw in the past. He says for God did not send the Son to condemn the world, you are right, he didn't do that... but the world through him might be saved.

So then we then know that hell already started or will start for anyone who does not receive the way out that God gave in his Son Jesus.

Can you see that?

And that is what we see.

He is saying to us, to people that you will be getting to a cycle of addiction, desires that are not met, that you will think it will be met in husband number one, but the desires doesn't get quenched.

Does that now signify why hell has a metaphor that says the fire doesn't get quenched? They said the fire is not quenched, the worm does not die. You have a fire that does not quenched.

You will think okay, husband number one will do it. Okay, life will be all settled for me and I think I have arrived. Then you notice you will need husband number two. You will say, I think I have arrived. I think this is it. I am living my life and then you will notice that diminishing returns set in and say I need number three.

You will get to a point where you notice that there is a desire that does not get met. You think the desire will be met but it doesn't get met. This is the addiction cycle of sin. You can look into your life as well. You think back.

I remember when I was in high school and I thought about the fact that if I have a certain grade or qualification in my high school certificate, that if I ever have that kind of qualification, oh my God! I will live life forever joyful. I will never forget that episode and I will be so excited all the days of my life because of that event. That is what I told myself as a teenager. Can you see that?

What happened? I actually did get the result that I was looking forward to, but to my own amazement, few months it wore off.

Some of you are listening to this, some of you have even said if I can hit a financial target, oh my God! I will be so joyful for the rest of my life. Oh! I am set for life. It means life will be so exciting from then on. Life will be really worth living from then on.

But some of you, I didn't say all. You may have reached that target. What has happened to you now? It wears off.

This was a woman that said, oh! Yes, I just need a husband and that is it. And then you see, why would she get to the number five? We don't know why? But the fact is, she kept on going on. Can you see that?

Some of you, you think if only I can get into that particular cycle of people, if I can get into that inner cycle, that will be it... it means those are the movers and shakers. Some say I can even travel out of my country into that country, that is it! Or some says they can marry into that family or I can go to that particular University, oh! my God! That is life for me.

Are these things great? Are they nice? They are great things. They are wonderful things. But they can never be your righteousness. They can't be your justification. If you want

them to become your righteousness and your justification, you will start an unending cycle just like this woman. That is the beginning of hell. You have a desire that doesn't get quenched. A fire that is burning in your soul, but it doesn't get quenched.

That is why hell doesn't really start when people die, it starts from now. And that is what Jesus came to snatch us now.

That is why I wonder when the book of Jude, he used that particular metaphor, he said **snatching people out of the fire**. He didn't say when you die you snatch them, he said now, we should be snatching men out of hell.

People are raging, emotions and desires which was met in Christ. Jesus is the answer for every satisfaction and desires, every question that is out in your life. Christ is the answer. Does anything tell you today, you don't measure up? Well, that is what Jesus took upon himself. He was disqualified. He was rejected.

You don't get put to the cross unless you were disqualified. We read that in the book of Deuteronomy. Deuteronomy says you put that disobedience son on the cross if there is nothing else you can do.

Jesus on the cross was an emblem of the fact that he didn't measure up. Humanity was irredeemable at that point in time. Nothing could be done. He's just disqualified. That is why he was on the cross.

If life speaks to you and say you don't measure up, you can say of course you are right, I don't measure up, and that is why Jesus took that upon himself on my behalf.

If life comes to you and say unless you attain to that level, it means you are nobody. You can say that is a lie because my being a somebody, it was a gift given to me. That is why the Bible says **for by grace are ye saved through faith not of works, it is the gift of God**. You can tell life, sorry my being somebody was given as a gift. I didn't even have to do anything. I receive that as a gift from God.

This is the whole point. This is what brakes hell cycle upon the soul of man. It brakes the cycle of hell upon our soul. It brakes it completely.

And if you are on the other side of the coin where you think you have arrived, and you think yes, I think am complete now because of this and because of that, the cross is a reminder to you as well.

I don't want us to be too lopsided to one side, there are some people that are listening to this today that think what are you talking about? I think am fine. I think everything is okay by me. I think I have achieved my dreams. I think I am where I want to be in the equation of life. I think I'm on the right stage. I don't need any such thing about

preaching of the gospel. I'm only people that looks for value. I already have meaning in what I am doing at the moment.

Well, there are two things we want to say to you. The first thing we want to say to you is that you continue living life. Maybe you are on husband number one, very soon you will find out that you need husband number two. Maybe you are still young. That is why you are saying that.

Secondly, the other we have to say to you is that, the cross should remind you that the scriptures says that God has concluded all men under sin. He's simply saying that whatever you think is a righteousness for you that justify you is a filthy rags before God.

You know Bible says all our righteousness is like filthy rags. Any time you say that, I am not even speaking for other people, I am speaking for myself. Until I got this understanding by the Word of God, I used to think he was talking about all our good works. All my righteousness, I am trying to acts nice. We see in Matthew 6:33 that righteousness is bigger and deeper than that.

He is saying all the things that we do in life to define ourselves, all the thing that we put our hopes in. All the things that you look forward to and say ha! this is exciting. He says all those things, they are just filthy. What you think is of value is just nothing before God himself. And until you have such an insight, you can come to a conclusion and say so all these things are just filthy rags before the Lord. And that is what see there.

So it means it humbles you to understand that all those things you are hanging unto and thinking they are things of significance, they are just nothing. If your eyes are open you will see that. That is what see through the Word of God.

Like you rightly said before, that this woman has gotten a bad press about her. Some are kind of like her, just like Jesus even like the underdogs.

We find this woman is open about her exploration, about her passion because everybody could see, she was a subject of gossip, because it was something everybody can talk about, moving from one husband to another husband, is a venture people can really see. And so people were able to say I hope something is wrong with this woman, because is like an open sin sort of.

But like so many people that openness made her to be in a position where she can be helped and can be reached. But we see some other men or some other women, they are moving from another methods to another, but because theirs are not like open. So they are not seemly openly like this and they are away from the bandwidth of help.

Or they might just be looking at this woman and feel like, oh! there is something wrong with this woman because some people go through John Chapter 4 because maybe their

traditional setup will never put them in that pathway. Just wondering this woman, I don't understand why is she morally backward like this? They feel like is something they cannot really understand and relate to. Is because they are not looking at the gospel the way it is. There is a venture you are moving into, yours might just not be open. It might be secretly. Even it goes beyond aspiration. You are just moving from another one to another. But you are avoiding the eyes of the public in this.

So he is calling us to look inward to that thing, openly or not openly that we are using to find meaning in life. We might not be so directly open like an affront because what this woman was doing, even the society is condemning that. Because there are some things that people are doing now, even the society is not condemning it, but it is sin.

Thank you for that.

That is something you are talking about. What you are saying now is that some things are not obvious. But again that's what the light of the gospel does, it comes to shine upon our lives to expose all those nooks, all those crannies, you know things that we don't see even by our own self-introspection.

People talk about today in psychological terms, psychotherapy says introspect. Atimes there are some things that it doesn't matter how much introspection you do or how much sincere you are, there are some things that you probably will never see. Or even either you are seeing it, but you just convince yourself over so many years that it doesn't matter. So you don't even see it.

That is the reason why there was a place in the book of Matthew where Jesus was talking about the fact that, if your eye is single your body will be full of eye. And the very next thing he was talking about a rich man who pulled down his barns to build something bigger to say beware of covetousness and all that. And you are wondering what is the connection?

It seems so disconnected that Christ was talking about if your eye is single, your body will be full of light, and the very next thing he was talking about is covetousness. You can read that in the book of Luke. So what is the connection? There is a very sensible connection.

What he is simply saying is when people are greedy, it is very hard to know they are. You don't even know because you are blinded to your own sin. That is why Jesus was talking about your body being full of light, your eye being single, talking about greed and covetousness.

So we cannot trust our own sincerity.

How can you?

Look at Isaiah Chapter 6. You see Chapter 1-5, he was the one saying woe unto inhabitant of this, woe unto that. He was a prophet, in fact you could say he was a preacher of righteousness. I know some people today designated themselves in the body of Christ as a preacher of righteousness.. That is what you would have designated Isaiah as from Chapter 1 to Chapter 5. That is what he was. He was always speaking to people and telling them about their sin, exposing their iniquities.

But in Chapter 6, when he saw the Lord. He had to see the Lord. He had to have the light of the glory of the temple shine upon his soul before he said. Oh! I am undone myself. I am a man of unclean lips. But it never came into that by introspection. He never came to that by self... It was the light of the glory of the temple shined through his soul. And he just says oh! this is who I am.

So it just has to bore down to the point. That is what we are doing today through the gospel. We are shining the light of the gospel into your soul, into your heart to revolutionize and bring to fore things in your life, things that do not allow you to lay hold of the benefits of redemption.

And there is one thing that came in as I was talking, this our generation is a very strange one. Very strange generation!

The reason why I've said that is, you see in the past generations, hundreds maybe decades ago when somebody goes to work, when somebody works in the factory or somebody goes to the farm, or somebody works as a clerk in the office, people do that just to put food on the table. A man goes to work to say I need to make some money to feed my family, to be a responsible person in the society that is why they go to work.

But you see in the 21st century, work has changed. Work has metamorphosed. Now, work whether in wall street, wherever you are working, it seems to me that work has been given new role where people can say well... you asked them why do you want to leave that job? It is not for me. It doesn't actually work with my inner satisfaction. I am not fulfilled on my job.

You wonder! We think it is a great thing. This sounds innocent right?

Let somebody do what they are fulfilled in. That is what you say.

Go for the job that makes you happy...

What a statement? Can you see that?

It means unlike our past generation where they don't see work as a tool to get by and by, now we are looking for happiness in work.

Nothing like you look like at the cultures of the work. Does it fit your own personal lifestyle and your outlook? And the moment you don't see that, later on it wears off or your happiness level has change and you move to another.

Some they said you have outgrown that company. The reason why you have to leave is because you have outgrown the company. You have out grown that happiness...

There is so much pressure on us today because we are looking to work to give us completion, satisfaction, fulfilment to understand yourself.

This sounds subtle. Nobody calls it a sin. Nobody preaches and say that is a sin. That doesn't look like sin. But through the light of the gospel, there is a sin under it now.

At that point in time, when the man and the woman gets that job and felt oh! that is the right food for my state of my hunger now, my happiness drive, this is it and so it's been there for some months or years and we find the happiness level changes and there is a pant again for something else.

We saw some other people doing things. Some don't even know what they need until they see some other people acquiring it just like children when they don't really need that toy but they begin to desire for it because another child is holding unto it.

So people see another thing or that is a new job now that is making the rave. You start having the permutation for that, agitation for it like an addict. I must get this. They move on to that again. That is it!

That is the cycle of hell. That's just hell!

That's why there is so much pressure today in the work place. Our fathers don't know that kind of pressure. In fact, the kind of pressure they had then was merely physical. Maybe they had to labour, they get tired physically from working.

But now it is mental, it is psychological, it is spiritual pressure upon humanity even in work today. It is whole different type of pressure.

I think the social media has even make it worst. Because it is now showing on people's face. That is what see.

So unless we relive the gospel in our life, unless we apply the gospel to ourselves on daily basis, that is when we can walk in the liberty that Christ bought and paid for with his blood on the cross. That is what we see in the Word of God.

It means now we need to get more into the Word because of the things that are happening so fast and definition of things are changing...social media is compounding issues.

So people that are struggling with covetousness, now social media is compounding the issues more, is making a demon out of even their needs. And that is why people need to put their head into the Scriptures and make sure they are grounded, explore opportunities like this, like Expose 247 and other light to get grounded now because things are happening so fast, and definition of things are changing.

You said work has changed. Not like our fathers used it in the past. And they use it as a title for themselves to define themselves now, so we really need to be grounded. That is what we see in the Word of God.

Now, you see we are going to start another aspect of this today because this thing that Jesus was presenting to this woman the fact that you are... You see, you are in a cycle at the moment. You are right in the midst of hell. You have a desire that cannot be quenched.

And it is good to know, we have said it, it is not wrong to have husbands because some people now, the way they go they think oh! marriage is of the devil or something. All these things, the right to have aspiration, ventures, business and all those kind, to have aspiration to do well in your studies just like you said, they are good things. To have children, they are good thing, whatsoever it is.

But not deriving meaning and satisfaction from it that is the wrong thing. Because we are talking about this woman and the husband today. We have seen people that says what is my life without children? Give me children or I die... even in the place of prayer. The people have begun to see the existence back to the presence or absence of things. That things that it should be normal, the Lord even desire that you should have them. Children are the heritage of the Lord. It is the desire of the Lord for you to have that. Let the Lord be magnified the one that takes delights in the prosperity of his servants.

So it is God's desire and it is good for you to align yourself with God's desire. Desiring what the Lord desire which is good. Desiring to have children that the Lord want you to have. But then when you now turn it to be like oh! What is my life without this? Give me this or I die even those things that are supposedly to be God's desires. Those are the things that my existence, the summation of my life is about these things. That is what we are taking about today.

That is what you already mention in Matthew Chapter 6. The right from these things are what the Lord is attacking in John chapter 4 and he is attacking it our lives.

Righteousness attached to what the Lord wants from you, God's desire for you, because some people feel like ok, as along as it is God's desire, I can go about it anyhow. I can do anything. I can pray about it, because after all, the Lord wanted me to have this so I can do anything.

No! You can't go about it anyhow even no matter how rightful those things are.

Thank you for that.

Because of time today... because what we want to go into is to look further in verse 18, but we are still revolving around verse 18. The Lord has not released us from the 18th verse.

You want to stick with us in our next transmission as we go further into that.

But let me just point out something, the things you just discussed or talk about. This is why a good gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ presentation will always be something that is outside of box of his generation. Why did I say that?

For example, you are talking about marriage or not. There was something the Apostle Paul was saying, you can read this yourself in 1Corinthians Chapter 7 when the Apostle Paul was talking about women that are married, women that were single. There was something that he was saying that didn't make any sense.

He said are you alone? Don't seek to be married. And he said are you married? Don't seek to be separated. And I say hey! now which one are you talking about Apostle Paul? Because you see! The first statement when he said are you single? Don't seek to marry.

I know in this 21st century where we are in, that makes sense because of course, you will know or you've heard of people, maybe you are around people who are single, or you may be single yourself or maybe people are saying you have past the normal average age to get marry as a man or woman, or maybe single or you know people who are single. These days is not of much of a deal anymore because of westernization. People understand single women, single man can be successful, you don't need somebody.

But you know the day Apostle Paul said that, that was a radical statement.

That is why I said, when you are reading the Bible, for you to get understanding of the scriptures, you have to dig yourselves into the environment where that word was spoken.

At that time, it was not fashionable to be single. Those times if you were single something must be wrong with you. That more explain the reason why this woman in John Chapter 4 kept on having husbands so that she would not be looked down on morally. She just had to have an husband. She just have to have somebody. We even have some culture today that are still holding on to that.

The only people who are spared of that condemnation are the women that are old or widows, people who have past marriage age, or people who are young who are not up to that age.

At some certain age, there is a certain level of expectation whether you like it or not then, you just have to aspire to it.

The Corinthian asked Paul in those days says, if you are single relax. That was a radical statement at that time to make. But Paul said in the gospel if you are single don't seek...

The word don't seek there is the same Greek word that was used in Matthew 6:33 that the pagan seek after..

He says don't ever think that unless I am married that I am nothing. That is what Paul said.

If you are single, you can be complete in him who is the head of principalities and powers. Don't ever say marriage will complete you. And if you are married, don't seek, don't ever says singleness will complete you.

So the bottom line is not about single or married is about nothing should complete you except Christ. That was the point. So it wasn't about marriage or no marriage. So it is no food or no food. It is not about money or no money. It is not about cloth or no cloth.

He says if you are married, don't ever say haa! If I were single, life would have make meaning, can you see? or if you are single don't ever say if I was married...

I think our audience should wait to listen to this because we find so much of programs and ministry, and so much of efforts and money are being poured into this and people are seeking. And the single are seeking. It is not like is good to be married but the search for this. The endless pursuit in the place of prayer and program and people are exploiting that.

They fashion program for them, do this for them and everything. It is an unending cycle of seeking. And so in marriage too, some even make so much of ministry out of this. The only ministry we have is ministry of God's righteousness. That is what we should affirm.

You are complete in him.

But people are taken advantage of that and fashion out ministry on this. Oh! the married, the single and all these...

And they are majoring on minor. Every ministry should be about the righteousness of God which is enough. It will satisfy the hungry, satisfy the one that is about money, satisfy the one that is about family. That is the righteousness of God. But today people fashion out based on the needs of the people and begin to exploit their search.

So it means from what we are saying today, there is a devil that the thing we are talking about today is attacking in the minds of people.

You know there are some people going about now especially in Asia and Africa in that type of traditional culture, going about saying the fact that if you are a single as a woman, oh my God! You will be free to be who you are. Marriages actually is going to crush you. It will restrain you.

In fact, some of them who are married before have divorce their husband, left their husband. And some who are not married are saying the best life you can live now is to be single. They are telling people that the third way of thing going around now.

Now, let's see this kind of thing we are talking about today, this is the gospel that says if you are married don't ever seek and say if only I was single life would have been great. So it means this is one of the reason I love Paul so much, a man who was gospel centered.

This is simply to say this is not about marriage, it is not about single, it is not about marriage.

People have really taken advantage of the pursuit of people.

It is about he is your righteousness.

And it is even bad when ministers of God are taken advantage of this. The only business we have, we have to do like Paul. So we don't spend time, we don't spend our years advising people on singleness or whatsoever distraction. Don't be distracted by any of those things.

So we focus on the righteousness, affirming people's righteousness based on what has been done and given to them on the credit that it has been transferred to them and not be distracted by are you single? Are you married?

You see people, they can go from program and not talk about how to stay married or how to stay single or whatsoever. But to stay on programs now, am sure maybe we would have more viewership if we are talking about marriage or singlehood or whatsoever it is.

But if we are talking about your righteousness that is from the Lord. You see people feel like do I need this or ?

Does that now say? As she was speaking, the Bible says that the righteousness that is of faith does not say who will go? Who will give me this? Who will go and bring Christ or pursuit? See! He does not talk about pursuit.

Or who will come to me and make my life? Or who will raise the dead?

What does it says? The word is near you in your mouth, the word of faith...

Because of time we are wrapping it up today because this ..

So what is your righteousness saying? It does not say some things and its saying something.

Today, I thank the Lord liberty has come into your house. Just like Jesus said to Zacchaeus, salvation has come into your house. Everybody hearing this, we say salvation has come, liberty has come to break that unending cycle, a relentless pursuit for things, for meaning, to derive meaning and validation, till you have make a demon out of all those things. And say give for me, deliver for me. People are pushing their hope, pushing their spouse be this for me, complete this for me and say no the Lord is saying I am your righteousness. I am the well that satisfy. I am that spring of water.

I hope you will hear that loud and clear today that the Lord is that well inside of you to satisfy that craving, that pant, that hitch.

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

Christ is your life.

God bless you.

Bye!!