

## **Exposé 247**

### **Bucket Ministry Series 40**

#### **Title: Sorted For Life**

... you are part of this engagement of this Bucket Ministry. It's been a long time ago that we've been on this... I don't think we've beaten the record of Martins Llyodd Jones who uses a whole year to write the book of Romans.

So really, this is just the 40th episode on the Bucket Ministry. And so we are grateful that you are part of this, that you show a sustain interest in following this discourse. Because some people would have said, oh! I have known this from Sunday school, what is there to sit down and be having hours and hours? That is like equivalent of 40hours on that John Chapter 4.

So we are glad that you are part of this. And we are grateful that you are here today.

So without wasting much time, we are going to go back to the verse where we stopped. If you have missed any of this; I don't know you have missed 39 episodes of John Chapter 4 of Bucket Ministry. Well, you can watch that from the first episode on our Facebook and Youtube page and you can get...

So today is the 40th episode and so we are going to verse...

What verse will that be?

The last verse that we looked at was the 28th verse of the 4th Chapter of the book of John. So we are supposed to be starting and kicking off with the 29th verse of the 4th Chapter of the book of John on this Bucket Ministry Series.

You may just read 28th verse as a connecting point to the 29th verse.

**28. The woman left her water jar beside the well and ran back to the village, telling everyone. (NLT)**

Before we go on to the 29th verse, it's important to highlight some of the statement that we have in the 28th verse of that 4th Chapter.

He said "the woman left her water pot." We've actually talked about that in our last transmission.

The next phrase is that she went out there into the city/village. The KJV says said to the men. She began to tell everyone.

Now, one thing we need to highlight there, we don't want to gloss over those statements. Those statements have great significance and we should take the patience to illustrate or to draw out the implications of those statements.

The first thing he says there is, "she went her way into the city."

Now, one thing that seems to stand out to me is the fact that we didn't see any instance where Jesus compelled this woman to take the knowledge that she has just had of Christ into the village or into the city.

We didn't have any gospel campaign where Jesus said, "Well, hey! Woman, it is high time for you to take this thing into the village to tell people about me" or "some kind of evangelistic campaign where you have to gather church people to train them on the need to evangelise or the need to go out there."

The Bible did say in this case that "she went her way." It seems like there was something about the encounter she had with Christ that propelled this woman to, out of her own volition decide to share her encounter with other people.

It seems to me that there is one thing about coming with an encounter with Christ; knowing who Christ really is that actually propels you, that you cannot afford to stay quiet. You cannot afford to keep your composure. Like Jeremiah said, "If I said I will keep his word within me," He said "his word is in my heart like fire shut up in my bones." I am tired of keeping this encounter to myself.

So it will seem that a true encounter with Christ will naturally motivate somebody to want to get others into the same experience. So we didn't see any case where Jesus had to give her a lecture on the need to go and speak with people.

The Scriptures says, "She left her water pot." "She went into the city and spoke to everyone."

And I want to emphasize the scriptures is pointing out that **she did this out of her own volition as a result of an encounter with Christ.**

So I think there might be a problem if we need every time to keep reminding people in the body of Christ for need to share the gospel. You have to keep reminding people and propelling them to do it. It might be something wrong with the encounter of... it might that they don't have a deep understanding of what they've actually come into. If you understand what you've come into, it seems to us that it naturally propels you to want to share with others. "Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth is going to speak." If you are full of him, it will spill over. That is what we see there. So we see she did this thing out of her own volition.

It is good that you stressed that "out of her own volition" Just a contrast to what we see happening these days. People are being intimidated. People are being harassed. We see Ministers who are doing as drug lords over the people. We see the pressure on them.

People are even trying to appropriate some methods or business methods - all these multi-level marketing; bring somebody to church or tell somebody about the ministry and if

you do... and some people even tie it to God's blessing. Like do this, you will be able to walk in this covenant. If you bring this and everything.

So people have different motivations for even going out to do it. Some are being threaten to do it. Some are thinking okay, it is tie to their own covenant blessings; things that were already given to them. So they tie it around. So people are finding clever ways of making people to share the gospel.

You are saying something. Is it really about sharing the gospel or about increasing membership? Because the reason why a lot of people try to propel or manipulate or compel their members to go out there and get somebody born again, it will sound like, from what you are saying, the goal is not just about getting them saved, the goal is about making them to join the church so as to increase membership.

It's all about the leaders of the house, we have number of the people, the influence he has and everything, so it might be related to that.

And I think one thing I need also to point out is, in some cases, some did not even do that for that reason, some Christians who are not even compel by their leaders to do that, some even compel themselves. Some believers even actually compel themselves to go out, but the motivation for going out is the going out is a means to an end. Because some believed that they will not be in God's good book or some believed that they will not be in favour with God. Some even think is a means of guaranteed them going to heaven because of the fact that they've been able to get other saved. Some quote Daniel where the Bible says **"turning many to righteousness will shine as stars for ever in the kingdom of God"**

Now, we did not discredit that though it is a good thing. We are not discrediting that; you have to preach the gospel.

But what we are simply saying is, the desire to go into the village, the desire to go into the city to share with every one should be a consequence of the encounter. It should not be that you want to go out there to share the gospel so that you can achieve something with God. You see! We don't see any such thing in this case.

As soon as the woman came into an encounter with Christ, she just dropped her water pot and she went. It is not like she said "well, I think if I go into the city, then I might be able to achieve some score point with Christ."

No!

She just on excitement, she ran...

In fact, she was so excited.... has it happen to you before in the past that you were so excited about going to do something, that you even forgot some things behind mistakenly? She didn't even know when she left her water pot; probably she paid for it, probably she brought it from home. But in her excitement to go out there and pass the message across, she left her water pot.

Now, imagine sharing the gospel with such excitement. The only way she could have share the gospel in excitement is if you were compel from your spirit. If it was something you did out of passion. I think that is the reason why the scriptures in the book of Corinthians talk about giving to God. It says, "**God loves a cheerful giver.**"

Now, that is a very important thing. And I want to think about "God loving a cheerful giver" beyond the context of money to say every time you give your money, your time, your attention or your service or preaching the gospel. Every time you give to God, watch! Does it come with cheerfulness, an excitement? If it comes with an excitement and cheerfulness, it means you are not being manipulated or grudgingly, or you are not being compelled to do it.

So not doing things in the kingdom of God with excitement or if you do things out of grudge, if you do things out of compulsion, it's an indication that you have a drug lord or you have somebody upon you pressurizing you. That person could be your conscience, it could be your own mind-set about who do you think God is. It could be somebody physical; your leader in church.

But the fact is, you doing things in the kingdom of God including preaching the gospel, if it comes without the excitement and the cheerfulness; it will mean that you are doing it out of compulsion. It means you are doing it because you think preaching the gospel is a means to an end for you with God. It is not a means to an end. It's a result of an encounter.

So your cheerfulness and your excitement is an indication of why you are doing what you are doing. That is why we saw the woman in excitement. She left her water pot. She began to share with every one. So the excitement tells us that, she is doing it as a consequence of her encounter.

Yes, I think another way of looking at it, is just for us to see the positive of such kind of encounter and we need to pray for an encounter that will make people out of their own volition... maybe the reason why people need to be forced and coerced and intimidated and being the candy man, Santa Claus and say "go and do this" If you behave well, Santa Claus will give you this and use all those gimmicks. It's because we don't all those messages, we don't have encounter that can make people to say men and brethren what shall we do?

Thank you for that.

Well, you see you have to understand that if you come into the knowledge of who Christ is, it's a progressive revelation. I don't want you to beat yourself down because there is nothing wrong... that is one of the reasons why we have this Bucket Ministry Series, to draw out the implication of the gospel, to shine the light on Christ, to unveil who Christ is. So that the more we unveil him, the more we describe this indescribable riches of Christ. See! We are describing the indescribable. The more we do that, it should unveil Christ to you, and it should release something into your spirit to want to go out there and share this with other people.

See this woman herself! If you look at the 29th verse, see what she said,

See the core of her message! See the gospel campaign!

What is the campaign?

**29. "Come and see a man who told everything I ever did! Could he possibly be the Messiah?"**

Now the KJV will tell you, could this not be the Christ?

This is quite something that is interesting. The reason why I said that is because, think about it; this same woman in John Chapter 4, look at verse 9

What does it says in verse 9?

**9. The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, "you are a Jew,**

Now watch that!

The encounter she had with Jesus. If they asked her, who are you talking to? Who are you conversing with? If you asked the woman in verse 9, she would say, "I was conversing with a Jew."

Can you see?

Somebody who is just a Jew.

That was the encapsulation of who she knew Christ Jesus as. I am just talking to a Jewish man.

Now, go to 19th verse.

Now watch this!

That is why I did say coming to know who Christ is, is progressive. Even if you are born of God, you have to understand that you have to come into increasing knowledge of who Christ is.

**19. "Sir, the woman said, "you must be a prophet**

See! She's made progress from the 9th verse to the 19th verse.

She said well "this man is not just any Jewish man walking the street of Samaria" this one is a prophet. He is higher than what I thought. This man is big than I thought he was. This man is a prophet. He's not just like any other Jew. He is a prophet.

Now, that is verse 19. It means from verse 9 to verse 19; 10 verses, she's made progress with understanding who Christ is.

But from verse 19 to verse 29; so 10 verses after again... it seems every 10 verses, she is progressing.

In verse 29, she then says ha!! This must be the Christ.

You can see verse 9, verse 19, verse 29 she's made consistent progress into who Jesus really is.

Now, that should be the same for you as well.



You have to understand that when you come, when you are born again, born of God, if you are a child of God, you should have a progressive understanding. Jesus did not change. He was the same Jesus who was talking to her from the beginning of the discourse. But an awareness of who Christ is began to dawn more and more upon her, until the 29th verse when she got it finally.

And that is the same thing that we see. That is why the Apostle Paul did say to the Corinthians Christians.

See what he said!

In the 2Corinthians Chapter 5 in verse 17 **"if any man is in Christ...** the previous verse before that, he said **"even though we knew Christ in the flesh" He said " know we him no more"** We don't know him any more. He said "I made progress."

I thought Jesus was a great religious leader. I used to think that Jesus is somebody if you come to Christ, if you want to have a better life, if you want to overcome your enemies, you come to Jesus... (I'm using our modern day interpretation of what people come to know about Jesus)

If you want to succeed in life, if you want a great and a good life, then you just have to believe in Jesus. Or you want to have a leverage.

In fact, some people have campaign where they say Jesus will give you leverage. You want to have leverage, you want to have a leverage in business, you want to have a leverage among people, come to Jesus.

Paul said in 2Corinthians 5 verses 16 & 17. He said" we actually knew Jesus in a particular way" but he said now, we've moved and you have to move as well. So the problem is not how you start to know Jesus. The problem is if you refuse to move. That is the problem.

This woman moved from verse 9 to verse 19 to verse 29. She kept on moving of what she knew of Christ. That is why we pray that we may know him and the power of his resurrection. We have to! The church needs to move.

It is not how we start that is the problem. It is if you refuse to move, then there is a problem. Because if you don't move, you will end up creating a god in your own image. And that is why we have problem today in the body of Christ.

So we got to have increasing knowledge of Christ. We don't grow in righteousness. We don't grow in saying "we are more righteous or more holy than we are being made by God." But what we do grow in is in the knowledge of Christ. We have to grow in the knowledge of Christ. That is why that place in the book of Peter says **"his divine power has given us all that we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him"**

So it means our knowledge of him is the channel that unveils, that releases the divine power that God has given us for life and godliness. It comes through our knowledge of him. So a limited knowledge of Christ can short-circuit the expression of that divine power. A restricted knowledge of Christ can short-circuit an expression of that divine power. The divine power that God gave us only come through the channel of the knowledge of him.

So here we see a woman who kept making the progressive knowledge. So a place of worship or an entity where people claim to be serving God should be a platform where Christ has to be increasingly unveiled. That is what should happen there.

This should humble us; every one of us, knowing that we have not come to the end of every knowledge of Christ. No matter what you've known yesterday, even the last minute, because this is not broken in verses. If some people are finding connection between 9 and 19 and 29. It was not broken in verses. Even in minutes and seconds, we have a progressive revelation and that should pull us to thirst for more every day, that what I've known the last minutes is not enough and look at it again and when Christ be revealed to us.

And that is what we are doing with this Bucket Ministry. We've been with John Chapter 4. I am sure most people; it might not be their first time of hearing about John Chapter 4 being preached, but we need to look again like that woman and come away from "he is a Jew" to "he is a prophet" and then oh! "This is the Christ." Until we get to Christ. I think the knowledge of Christ is the ultimate. That is what we see there.

So what we notice in the 28th verse is first, we've seen that she went her way into the city, and she was the one that began to tell every one. That is what we see there.

An understanding of Christ that put you on your feet, that set you in motion. You don't need anybody to cajole you or manipulate you or propel you or push you. There is a fire that burns in your bones and you want to express it.

So just like you said, if you found that, that desire is not there in you. It will mean that you need to re-fire. You need to get down to basis. You need to get down to study, to pray, to meditate on who Christ is, until that fire burns within you. If it burns within you, you cannot hold it in.

You can continue from the 29th verse.

## **29. "Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did!"**

Now, we need to look at the content of what she was sharing. You know content is very important.

She went to the city... your translation says "she went to the village."

But she had a message and let's look at the content of her message. It's important to carry out an examination of the message.

Now, "come and see a man..."

Now, this is really mind-boggling.

Oh! Oh!

Yeah, it is, because she didn't say...

"Don't forget that they had a discussion. Isn't it? They had a communication. The two of them communicated about different things. Isn't it?

They communicated about her past life. Jesus offered her living waters. They communicated about where to worship. There was an argument about all these and all that. They had different discourse over time until the point where the woman got the gospel; where she actually encountered Christ.

But what really is so important is, to see that the woman didn't say "come and encounter a doctrine."

She didn't tell these people and say, "You know what guys? I have come into some revelation now." "I've come into knowledge now" I've come into some exposition now or I have come into some light now. Let me share that knowledge with you that "we are not supposed any more." "I just notice that our place of worship is supposed to change in the realm of the spirit."

There are different things that she discussed with Jesus that could be the topic of the campaign that she was going to pass down to the people. But in spite of all of that, she said to them "come and see a man"

Can you see?

What did she say next?

**Who told me all the things I ever did! Is this not the Christ?**

That simply means the goal, the ultimate about any campaign of the gospel; the purpose of any gospel communication is not about you teaching your doctrine. In fact, your doctrine is supposed to be a means; the end should be a man. That is the point!

So this woman got the gospel. The end of every practice, every prayer, every Bible Study, every doctrinal teaching, every exposition, every revival meeting, whatever you do, whatever conference, anything you do within the body of Christ; the ultimate goal of any gospel campaign is a person, and that is Christ.

She said "come and see a man."

Can you see that?

So it means whatever words we used to convey the gospel it should ultimately lead.... people should say oh! Now I see a man.

So the gospel should be the painting of a picture of a man. The words we speak, whatever we do should ultimately lead to a man.

It shouldn't lead to a precept or principles. It shouldn't lead to set of methods. You know there are some places today, if you hear what people call the gospel, it ends us with methods or formula; some say there are certain things you need to do for you to get to this next level. That is all you hear about the gospel.

But in the gospel you see that the crux or the core of the gospel is a man. So the only test you have for whether you have preached the gospel is, the people that you preach the gospel to, can they see a man? Did you paint a picture of Christ? Did you paint a picture

of the person of Christ? If you've not paint that picture, the aim of the campaign has not been achieved.

She said, "Come and see a man."

You should be able to lead people and when you lead them, all they can end up seeing is Christ. They shouldn't even see you.

You know this is even bad enough that today, some people even want to present the gospel and the goal they are having in mind is for people to see them. Some even end up saying that "look at me, am I somebody that you want to be your leader?" "Am I somebody that you want to be on top of you?" "Do you want me to oversee you?" And the more they talk to people, people end up seeing more of them than they see of Christ.

Here comes a woman who says "I want you to meet a man" and that should be the whole core of the gospel.

I am just wondering how she was able to manage the excitement of new knowledge because all the six revelations that she had about the place of worship and where it is, or what it has been before, it shows that the argument (we want to direct our audience back) it was a deep seated argument that you know that these people had said this and this just like she had some established fact before Jesus kicked that off. That was a new knowledge for her. That was mind shifting for her.

So I don't how she was able to contain the excitement and when she was going away, she was not just wrapping that off. And the excitement comes with new knowledge. Even the scriptures say "knowledge puff off." You know the puffing off of it. But she was able to handle that and suppress this, because she had people that she would have love those- the rightful audience to share that no! you Samaritans, this is what you think about the place of worship, I have found somebody in which I am quite agree with now.

But she left that, and she was not even talking and not focusing the attention craftily on herself, like yes! I am now the repositor of new knowledge about this thing. I am now an

authority on the place of worship. So everybody come and listen to me. You can just gather attention and be the spot light and steal the moment. But she did not stumble on that one again because of the excitement of the new knowledge. She did not stumble on carrying the attention; because 5mins of fame or the equivalent of it. But yet, she was able to put it on Jesus.

She could have put it on herself because she could have claim that knowledge. And then she should have made something out of it, that I met Jesus first. Because Jesus could have had an encounter with another Samaritan woman and that could been the person coming to the village to talk about it.

But she was the first, she could have done something out of it; monetise it, glamorize it and made everything for herself and to even redeem herself. She has a lot to do for that city. She has a lot to redeem herself because we know the kind of woman that she was. So she could have used that as a good social capital for her redemption in the village, to bring herself in the spotlight for people to see, yet, she did not use that.

You've raised very important point. It means there is something very beautiful about Jesus, something very enchanting about Christ that made you forget yourself. It makes you forget the point you want to prove. It makes you forget the point you want to make. There is something enchanting; there is something beautiful about Jesus that makes you get lost.

You know when you get lost, it means you can't even find your own feet to actually achieve the agenda that you think you are going to actually execute or use the opportunity you said as a leverage for yourself. It means the beauty of Christ can make you get lost. You forget yourself. This is what happens!

And you know the reason why we know this woman was lost in the love of Christ, lost in the revelation of Christ was because she even forgot the fact that she was supposed to be the ostracise of the society. Because this woman came to the well to draw in a noonday where most Scholars believed that it was intentional for her to do that, because people don't draw water when the sun was hot. Because women will naturally come to draw water at the well in the morning; before the sun comes up or late in the evening.

We knew they said she came, which explain the reason why she was the only woman in the well when Jesus came to the well. So this woman that was ostracise, that was living a life in which she was trying to hide herself from people, suddenly forgot that she was a kind of person nobody wanted to see in the village. She forgot herself!

What happened to the fact that she was hiding herself; that she thought she didn't measure up? She thought she didn't qualify. She was self-condemned. We know that because of the kind of discourse she had with Jesus. We know that because of the kind of moral life she had lived. We know that because of the circumstances of her life. But she seems to have forgotten all of that, she was the one that was moving into people and say "everybody come and hear what happened."

She lost something and she picked up something.

See! That is what the gospel does to you.

If you understand who Christ is in you and what you are in Christ. If you understand what Christ died for; for your sins, if you understand what was imputed to you because of the resurrection of Christ, there are some of your weaknesses, there are some of the things that you think you cannot do, there are things that you think are your limitations, some things break down. Shackles break down, prison walls are shattered, walls are broken down for your sake.

This woman forgot that nobody wanted to even hear what she has to say. She forgot! She was the one that began to carry out the campaign

So I want you to take note of that, that she lost every sense of being disqualified, every sense of condemnation she had. She lost it! And I think she forgot, which is why the Bible says she left her water pot.



What this woman left behind wasn't just the water pot. She left so many things behind. She left her sense of shame; that shame, that ridicule, that condemnation, that disqualification that society placed on her; she left it behind.

That is why she went out there and told the people about Christ. She didn't say "please everyone, I know I shouldn't be hear, you know my past life, you know who I used to be, and you know the kind of person I used to be. But you know what? Try and reason" She forgot all that.

So this is the power of the gospel. That is the power of the gospel breaking down barriers and walls that have been set up by anti-Christ culture, set up by human system, set-up by the godless culture. There are walls, there are limitations, there are restrictions, and there are things that have been shattered in Christ Jesus. And if you enter into that revelation, you will lose all sense. That is what we see there in the Word of God.

While I was thinking that oh! What a dilemma or something, I was thinking why she could not take the advantage of that moment to redeem herself because we know her history with the people, and what you just said, the avoidance strategy that she used to avoid people talking about her. You know that culture- is a close culture community culture where people don't mind their business. They have their nose in everybody affairs. We can understand how difficult.

And we know the moral choices then; you know the society is as a result of the prevalent moral choices. And we know in the Eastern culture, it is much more higher than what we expect in the Western. But we know that people frown because people can temporarily feel like somebody with five husbands...

Well, you may not understand much now, but then it was a serious matter.

In a western environment, it might not mean anything now. So we just have to take your mind back to where she was and in her time and in the community like that is close knitted again. So everything was just down for her. So she needed redemption whichever way, and then she could not even cope with the present day living. She has to start going in the mid day to fetch to avoid...

So she can be the only one there.

Then I was thinking when she had this moment of redemption to get back at the society, now that people are saying "Yes! I have found my voice" "I have found my truth." I am using the opportunity to lash out" "to take revenge or to free herself, to pay for this." I'm using the opportunity of the new knowledge because people bow to new knowledge. Yet! She choose not to. And I was now thinking could it be because there was no need for that, she had already had her redemption.

Yes, that is what I was about to say. There is no need for that.

She already had her redemption. She doesn't need to glamorize or steal any moment. She had had all she wanted again for life.

So could it be people today that were just stealing the moment, drawing the attention away from Christ? Stylishly putting it on themselves whether overtly or covertly on themselves. Could it be that the sense of not knowing that they already all ever needed was in Christ and with the encounter with Christ?

And think they need to do something for themselves. They need to jump on something. They need to do this and be the man of this on the show. We be able to stay on top of this, so they can accrue some things to themselves. Could it be fame or anything, acceptance or redeem themselves in a way because not fully understanding they had a full redemption, full liberty, full resources in Christ.

Thank you for that.

There was no need.

I want us to read 2Corinthians 5, we can read from verse 17. There is something we need to point out there.

What does it says there?

## **2 Corinthians 5**

**17. This means that any one who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!**

Can you read the previous verse?

**16. So we have stopped about evaluating others from a human point of view.**

The verse am actually looking for would then have to be verse 14.

Let's read down what does it say please?

**14. Either way, Christ's love controls us. Since we believe that Christ died for all, we also believe that we have all died to our old life.**

**15. He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them.**

**16. So we have stopped evaluating others from the human point of view. At all times, we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know him now!**

**17. This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!**

That summarizes the encounter the woman had even though Jesus had not gone to the cross in John Chapter 4. But the fact is, this woman (we mentioned this in the past transmission); she encountered, she tasted of the power of the ages to come. She tasted of what Christ could do. She got it on credit if we want to use that word.

Even though we in our own case, we are getting it on debit because we are debiting backward. She got it on credit. It is the same encounter we had with Christ when she was speaking with him.

Now, the reality of what that brought is, this simply says "we have stopped evaluating ourselves in the flesh, even though we once regarded Christ the same way."

Now, I am not sure you understand the point that Apostle Paul was making. He was doing what we call a mathematical analysis. Paul was simply saying that to the extent that we evaluated Christ was the extent we evaluated ourselves.

I repeat. He says "know we no man after the flesh" even though we once regarded Christ the same way. He said, "So because we looked at Christ the wrong way, we didn't have the *epignosis*. *Epignosis* in the Greek means accurate knowledge. We just have an idea of who he was. We didn't even know who he was. And because we didn't know who he was, we didn't even know who we are.

And so the New Living Translation says "human point of view"

Yes, human perspective of Christ.

We thought if you believe in Jesus like you said, it should be something you should use as a platform to actually... talking about the woman, that she should have used that knowledge of Jesus to redeem herself socially. That is human point of view.

Human point of view says any time you get into disfavour with people and people think you are a bad person or whatever. Whatever you then end up having; whether you have money, whether you have new experience, or you have knowledge, education, new contacts, use that to buy back your standing in the society. That is human point of view.

That is why Paul said "we used to regard Christ from a human point of view," but now... human point of view of satisfying human need, desire, human wants and solving the human problem at the moment. That is why people go into it. They could have been like this woman. They go into their villages. Some are not even going to their villages.

The woman went back to her village. People want to go the capital city. I will rather go and talk about this message...she went to her own people. People who have knew who she has been. People who she had history with to explain I met a man.

Today, some people after encounter, they want to jump to the capital city and say yes! That is where I need to....

Well, I don't think there is a problem with the city

In fact, the KJV translation calls it a city.

But she went to her own people anyway.

Yes! She went to her people...

That is by the way...

Okay.

Some could have used that by saying yes! I can make money out of this. I have not come to the well to draw water... some people get using that new knowledge that she had and make people subservient to her. People are fetching for her these days.

We found out that people that are custodians of knowledge or revelation or some theology even in the body of Christ. They make people subservient to them. They use that knowledge to serve their human interest.

They make people who listen, who come for these things, they use that as an advantage...can you now be fetching water for me? How can you meet my needs? Maybe physical needs, material needs... My standing in the society, I want to show myself as somebody.

So they try to use this knowledge and trade with it. So they trade with encounter of Christ. They trade with the revelation. Some will say this particular year, they had a revelation from the Lord that set them apart in ministry, but they trade, profiting physically, human wise...

So it means to those people in summary, there are other things that are more important to them than Christ. So Christ is just a means to things that are actually their "god"

But in the same vein, craftily they still have Jesus quoted with all these things. They use the name of Christ and talking about Christ, but yet they are feeding off...

Yeah! Christ is not the ultimate. That thing is the ultimate. Whatever it is, whether they want to redeem themselves, whatever they want to achieve, that is the actually the key thing for them. So Christ is just a means.

And we don't want to belittle those conditions they had been in because we could not belittle and say "why should they be bothered about solving that needs? For some are in dire needs, poverty need like that woman need social acceptance. You know it is so difficulty. It is something that people will be getting therapy for if you are in her case. If we bring them to this 21st century in the western world, somebody has abundance that

you cannot even... all these phobias like... I don't know the phobia they will call her lifestyle, that she could not even face the public, she could not function well.

So this is a genuine need. Some people that are doing ministry and maybe forfeiting materially or anything, some do have genuine needs even physically, materially why they need the money or some other things. Some need that acceptance.

Yes, we cannot belittle... I don't want us to belittle the need. How should they solve the problem of this need?

Thank you for that

Well, I don't think the point of the discussion is not to say these things are not important because if you notice, when Jesus in the book of Matthew was talking about all these things, says "your heavenly Father knows you have need of these things"

He didn't say you have want of these things. When he was talking about seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteous... He says your heavenly Father know you have need of these things.

So God is not simply saying those things are not important. For example redeeming yourself from not being accepted in the society, or the need to live a life that is significant. It's normal. That is why when the disciples were having an argument among themselves who to be the greatest. Jesus had to answer, "What are you arguing about?" Jesus did not say it is wrong, don't do that. That is just self-serving for you to want to want to be the greatest.

But what Christ told them is, "he that will be the greatest among you, let him be like the one that serve"

So he didn't despise them for having a sense of being a great person. The desire to make your life counts in the grand scheme of things is natural. Nobody wants to be a nonentity

or a useless person. There is a natural desire. It is God's given to excel. It is God's given for your life to counts.

We have a commandment for dominance.

It is God's given for you to be somebody that society will not ridicule. But the problem with what we are addressing this morning is something deeper. We are simply saying this morning that Christ is an end in itself. It means the reason why all those troubles, all those things are there, the reason why all those ills and problems are there is not because of the problem themselves, what we actually need is to know that the expectation or the qualification of the person whose opinion matters most is we need that voice of acceptance, that voice of affirmation to say over us, "you are my son, I am well pleased with you," "I am pleased with your life." We want that voice over our lives.

And a lot of people then begin to look to things to hear that voice. They look to your job. For example, you want to do a great job for people such that they will say "you are the best, we've never see somebody like you"

So what we then try to do is to take out of that acceptance, that voice that says "you are my beloved," Some people look to their spouse to get that voice out of them. Some people look to their position in the family to get that voice from it. Some people look at their position in the society to get that voice from it. Some people look at their bank account to get that voice from it. Some people look at being the leader of a group based on membership, number to get that voice. This is the problem.

So we keep looking for that voice, not knowing that...

People always say that it is very stupid for you to use the money you don't have to please people who don't care. Isn't it? What we don't know is, the voice of those things are not as important as the voice of the person whose opinion matters most. And that's the voice of our Father; the Father of spirits. That is the problem.



So people then said “Well, they think” people now become genius in errors. What they don’t do is, they think the voice that money speaks is much more important than the voice of the Father. So they then use the voice of the Father as a means.... people have not weigh to see on the scale of things, whose voice is the most important in my life?

Can you see?

Whose voice is the most important?

Some of you are listening to this today, you can think about this, different people are speaking to you. There are some people in your life that their voice matters most. That even if you don’t care what other people says to you, as long as that person says the right thing to you, you are just satisfied. It is just natural for us to elevate opinions of people. Some people you don’t care about what they think, but some people you do care about what they think.

So we have this kind of estimation in our minds of whose voice really matters to us. So what the scriptures is saying is, to you the voice of Christ, the voice of the Father; you in Christ being the son of God. In John Chapter 1, it tells us..."He came unto his own, his own did not receive him, but to them that received him, that believe on him, he gave them the right to be called the Son of God"

See the word "to be called."

He called them and say "come into my family, you are my son" "I love you" "All of my righteousness, all of my perfection is yours now because of your faith in me"

So if that voice doesn’t become amplified as the most important voice in your life, what will happen is, you may end up using Christ as a means to get the voice that is more important to you.

So for that woman of Samaria, at that point the time, the attention, the focus, the redemption that was offered to her in Christ took her off her feet. So the others; the fact that she was ostracised already just melted away. Her fears melted away.

That is why I think there might be a problem today where a church has to have lots of Seminars.... for example there is nothing wrong with marriage seminars, there is nothing wrong with having seminars about how to help people, how to be a blessing to people... I mean people have to have seminars on this, seminar on that... how to overcome your fear, how to overcome your anxiety, how to overcome this, overcome that....

Even it is not about seminar, it is being introduced as church series...

When we have so much of those series, it might be an indication... because we didn't see Jesus says to the woman, "before you go to the city, I know you believe in me as your saviour, let's talk about how to overcome the fear of being rejected in society, 10weeks program." or "how to overcome your fears of others" or "how to affirm yourself when others don't believe in you." There was no such seminars...

Empowerment seminar after somebody has been empowered, endue for the power of the Holy Ghost, and you come for empowerment. We have top physiologists. Now they do Christian psychology... Empowerment Seminars for someone who has been empowered, endue on high.

Jesus did not have a 10week course for this woman on how to...

Without the course, without that problem how was she able to go right there and say to people "everybody come and see?" That is the woman that was hiding before. How did she able to overcome that on the spot? It tells something about the gospel.

Somebody who came in a few moments ago, shy, looking for ways to hide and then she overcome several boundaries. She was able to talk with a Jew, talk with a man...all these things. She went to the city.

And then go back to the city and talk to everyone; people she was hiding from before she had an encounter with Christ.

So what are we talking about?

This is why I said there is something wrong with the revelation of Christ that is being shared among people, that is why we need so many program, so many courses, so many seminars, and so many series to now dealing with every case; emotional, psychological, mental etc....

We do not deride those things, please don't get us wrong. We are just simply saying how many those things every time in every case could be an indication of a malady of something wrong somewhere with revelation of Christ?

I think those seminars are for people who are bereft of the encounter; those are for people outside. But when we see people inside- who are in the body of Christ and who had had encounter with the Lord and needing so much of all these things to stand up. These are things that people outside; in the world hang on, they don't have any other way of living. They have no means of any encounter. But people who have had encounter with God having the need for this and is just these endless lists of help...

Thank you for that insight.

Do you know what?

If you are watching this, to keep things in perspective, don't forget that even now in our days; in 21st century. It is easier because society has moved from this highly traditional medieval culture, which is majorly based on societal acceptance. In a western world, people have moved.

Now you can affirm yourself, you can say well, the way you went to school, how you've grown and nurture. These days is easier to say "I don't care what they say about me. I am going out there. This is me" It is easier now.

But please call this woman some slack. In the days of this woman, there was virtually nothing like that. Society was based on how do you fit in? If you don't fit in as somebody who is highly respected in the society, as somebody who is highly honoured, you are a great man, you are highly moral, if you don't fit in, you are going to be the scum of society. You are going to be somebody who is full of shame and ridicule. That is what the culture was at that time,

For her to have gone out there and begin to say "come and see, a man who told me." How did she make that transition? If it was in our days it make sense.

In fact, you don't even need Christ to have such a kind of perspective to say "I don't care what they say. I'm myself" You can say that now. But I am saying for this woman, within that culture at that time, to make that jump from somebody who was ridicule and somebody who has to hide herself to come and say "everyone listen to me! Know more hiding again, here am I"

She didn't even think about that. She was just talking "come and meet a man" That is why I think she didn't even know when she lost that thing. She didn't even know when she dropped her water pot.

And that tells you the quality of the encounter. And encounter that is all encompassing. That can solve all your issues because this woman is a woman with issues; that can solve it all at once. It is just all encompassing, everything that you need. That is why scriptures says "all that we need for life..."

So all the endless need for intervention, therapy, for counselling, for people talking into it, an encounter with Christ, if we begin to see it that way. They will acknowledge it that way; the way it is, and we can take everything that we need from that. Instead of labouring and putting it on some other things and drawing needs from other things, trying

to listen to that voice. That voice of affirmation, the voice of "you are my beloved" in any of all those things.

And some people put themselves in some unnecessary work so they can hear the voice of the beloved that I am accepted. Just like the elder brother who was sent himself on errand, so he can hear is accepted of the father.

Don't forget he was doing things to satisfy the father. He wasn't even like saying doing the will of the father. He wanted to hear the voice of the father on his own term based on his own qualification. That is the problem.

See this woman! Have you notice that Jesus was the one waiting on her. She didn't qualify herself. She didn't have any hold, any leverage point with Christ. She was just ... Christ sat down there waiting for her by the well. (For the woman of that kind)

There was nothing in her to qualify her to say I think" there is a reason why I have to encounter Christ today"

And she was not the type, because we know during the journey of Jesus; earthly ministry on earth, we see some people that were spoken for. When the elders came to him. "Jesus must talk with this man because he built our tabernacle..." So this one does not have any...

But in her case, we are even surprise he was talking to her...

She doesn't have anybody that would have spoken for her. There was nobody.

You've got to understand the voice of the Father, the voice of God over your life; that came over you because of putting your faith in Christ Jesus has got nothing to do with your qualification. You cannot deserve it. You cannot qualify for it in your own strength, in your own means, in your own terms. No! It was only completely on the terms of Christ.

So all you are suppose to do is to receive it over your life. And once you receive that voice...

You see! That is what set this voice apart from other voices. Other voices you've got to qualify. For example, for you to get some level in society where you are regarded as somebody who is honourable, you know you have to sweat it out. You've got to pay your dues to society. You've got to pay your dues in your family because they can affirm you as a great man, as a great husband, as a great father, as a great teacher, as a great employee, as a great employer, as a great leader, as a great pastor, as a great minister of the gospel, whatever! You've got to put it in your time, years. You've got to put in your morality. You've got to put in...

In fact, some ministers in some places of worship before they can even regard you as a good Christian, you've got to show that you are always dedicated. Make sure you are consistent...

Are we saying you should not be consistent?

We are not saying you should not be consistent.

We are simply saying you will get to a point where you want to hear that voice. See! All the other voices will make a demand from you. It is only one voice that makes no demand on you for you to qualify for that voice. The only demand was placed on Christ himself. That is what separates the voice of the Father from other voices.

If you subscribe to other voices, it's going to be very hard. That is why Jesus did say "come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden." In our modern day context, "under pressure... I will give you rest." Why? Is it the voice you want to hear? Why are you stressed out?

You come to me, I will not stress you out. He says "learn of me, I am meek and lowly in heart, and you will have rest for your lonely souls" That is real rest, where you have the affirmation and you've done nothing to get the affirmation. That is rest. You are relax. You are resting in his bosom. And that is what we see this woman did; fully rested.

That is why when she went to the city, she didn't have to talk about herself anymore. She is fully resting. What is the point to prove there? Come and meet a man. Forget about me! I am sorted. That is resting.

Jesus says "learn of me, you will find rest for your souls" If you go out there today, look at out today, so many souls are restless. There is no rest for them. Because they have to keep up the image. No rest. Becasue every time they attain a level, they have to keep on image. There is no rest. The Bible says "there is no rest for the wicked." People are not resting.

This woman is so rested that she even forgot about herself. Like you said, there was no need to affirm because she is resting.

I cant stop thinking about the qualify of the voice that this woman had, that made her to drop every other cacophony of voices of other people, of what the society is saying, of what she need to do.

And today we will do ourselves a lot of good, if we are going to rest our head in that wavelength of that voice. The one that where we can find everything we need; a single voice. We will not look into persons. We will not look into our spouse. We will not look into our children, look into our future, look into anything to hear that. That we are already accepted. It's only in Christ that you can have this kind of privilege. You don't get it anywhere.

Because think about it, from all the films if anybody wants to become a heir to a throne, even to be a heir to a business, you just have to work it out. You have to put some years to work and sometimes you will be surcharged. You see so many already filled because of this. But is only in Christ that you have to become a heir before you have any responsibility. That is the only one you get the throne before you get to be responsible.

So when she went to the city or village, there is no point to prove anything. No need to redeem herself.

Not that she had to go back and let's see how you are going to live in the next one year. How will your relationship with the opposite sex and see whether you qualify to join any society. There is some expectation or qualifications to qualify you before you can get this kind of honours. To get any of this award. But she was given straight away without any sense of responsibility and accountability at the moment. At a point, she was just being trusted that she would do well with the redeemed image.

And the content of her message tells us that she got it. She was even out of the equation. "Come, it is a man! "Come and meet a man"

That is why what some Christians say makes us to know whether they got it or they didn't get it. This woman actually got it. Because she just said "come and meet a man"

And she was saying it for other people to get sorted. I am sorted. And I am not going to use this revelation to fill up some things I feel am not sorted about.

What people say will tell us...

Some people will say they are using wisdom in administration to make for themselves what God has provided since they think God will not come down to solve that problem. So let's use the advantage of the knowledge, of the revelation, of the encounter that they had with the Lord to solve this problem for themselves.

But this woman felt fully that with that voice, and that encounter is actually sorted. Sorted in the real sense of being sorted. Because people say they are sorted today, but the way, their actions, the gimmicks and the practices and formula shows that they are not really sorted. They are not sorted. They are just making mouth and say "they are sorted" And when you found out, there is something lacking. All these manipulations and these



gimmicks shows that there is something lacking even though you do not agree. But this woman is fully sorted.

And we pray our audience and every one listening to this will experience that encounter; the quality encounter that put you in a sorted place, that there is no grabbling anymore. The one that you don't get confused when you see people running helter skelter for this, another intervention, and another therapy. This is a new message you must listen to, this is the person you need to go to. Ha! I have met the man I need to meet. Are you just need to meet that man?

I have met everything I need in one encounter...

Again, she was not saying Jesus where is your contact so I can see you again and again. So it's just a single encounter settles this.

I think for time...

That is why Jesus said; "the water I will give to you will be a well springing up." It will just keep releasing...

Because the encounter people think today, they thought they were sorted, they need to come every year, just like renewal.

So they still call it encounter with Christ. But you know is looking funny and sounding funny, it's another well. Because this one they need to come, there are some things they need to do. Some they need to put some weight to it, and do some other things before they could activate it.

But this woman was sorted once and for all.

And for time again, I don't think we could go on and on, on this.

We will like you to join us next time. We want you to listen and continue with us in this engagement of this woman with Jesus.

I hope you will have this encounter for yourself. I hope it will not just be something we are discussing about this woman. You will experience this. Things that will put you in that place. That position of rest; eternal rest with all labour taken off your shoulders, burden taken off your shoulders.

You need to place some people, to demand unnecessary of you and come to that rest of him.

So join us next time as we continue, we want to say as you have receive Jesus Christ the Lord, so walk in you.

God bless you.

Bye!!!