

LENT 3 – A Life Changed!

Scriptures: John 4:27-42, Romans 5:1-11

Isaiah 56:8 - Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered

- John 4: 27** - *Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, "What do you want?" or "Why are you talking with her?"*

"Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?"

- Planned forgetfulness?

³⁰ *They came out of the town and made their way toward him.*

Romans 5:10-11 - "We were God's enemies, but he made us his friends through the death of his Son. Now that we are God's friends, how much more will we be saved by Christ's life! But that is not all; we rejoice because of what God has done through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has now made us God's friends."

"My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work."

- Doing God's will satisfies us in ways we can't imagine.

Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. ³⁶ Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. Thus the saying 'One sows and another reaps' is true. ³⁸ I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labour."

- Growing the Rhododendron.

1 Corinthians 3:6-9 – “I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. ⁷ So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.

³⁹ Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, “He told me everything I ever did.” ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. ⁴¹ And because of his words many more became believers.

- The power of a story is immense.

⁴² *They said to the woman, “We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Saviour of the world.”*

- “The only real argument for Christianity is a Christian experience.” – William Barclay

Mark Wahlberg - “I don't take a day off from getting on my hands and my knees and reading my prayer book and my daily devotionals...”

Romans 5:1-2 – “Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.”

- Where is your Mission field?

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