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John 4:30-54

(Basic Bible in English)

The Gospel of John is probably the simplest gospel to understand. But sometimes we overlook important lessons in the simplest of communications. It's a unique view on the life of Jesus Christ. It gives more details on His personal life and about when He came out to the public. It contains vivid instructions on how to live for Jesus Christ, how to be a Christian. It tells how to walk with Jesus Christ and how to have real peace in your life. The instant you are saved, all your life priorities and objectives change. Now you can live your life through Jesus Christ and you'll be happy and have joy that comes from within and is not affected by what events are going on in your personal life or in the world as you know it. John reveals how the deity came to us in the form of man, Jesus Christ. He didn't reveal everything, and the things God doesn't reveal are not important for us to live our lives as He instructs. Understanding the truth about eternity, God's love, and how to live through Jesus Christ is the basis of the Gospel of John.

- **30** Then they went out of the city, and came unto him. This is Jesus at Jacob's Well with the Samaritan woman. It was around noon time. Jews were very prejudiced against the Samaritans at that time. The public's spiritual growth at that time was very immature. People at that time were locked onto, or focused on, the physical realm. Fasting gets you in tune with God so you know what He wants you to do.
- 31 In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat.
- 32 But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of.
- 33 Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him ought to eat?35 Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.
- **34** Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. Jesus Christ is on earth to do the will of God and complete the plan of salvation.
- 35 Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. Jesus said, "Look around you. You think the harvest is 4 months away, but I'm showing you a harvest that is ready right now." He's talking about a spiritual harvest of men's souls. The greatest investment you can make on this earth is the one in human beings, because that has eternal rewards.
- 36 And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. This is winning people into the life of Christ and guiding Christians to a closer relationship with God. It is very important for Christians to mature in the Word of God. Once you are saved, you need to be nurtured and grow into mature, strong Christians. Don't stop studying the word of God.
- 37 And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth.
- **38 I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours.** Jesus is saying, "Listen, there's been prophets here before you that have expounded on the word of God. You are here to reap that which he sowed earlier."

1 Cor 3:1-8

- ¶1 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.
- 2 I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. Paul fed them on the milk of the word of God, but they are still immature spiritually. These people are not growing spiritually. They get saved and stop there.

- 3 For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? There's arguing among you, you're choosing up sides.
- **4 For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?** They got into an argument at a church over whom to follow: Paul or Apollos. Christians are doing this today, dividing up and teaching different things rather than sticking exclusively to the Bible.
- 5 ¶ Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man?
- **6** I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. Notice: each individual is given their own task. There is not a preacher on this earth who has got anybody saved. God is the only one who saves people. You can plant a seed, but God is the only one that saves anyone.
- 7 So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. God gets the glory; not any of us.
- 8 Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. You do your part, another does his part, and God will reward you for your works. Salvation is given freely; rewards are earned.

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- 39 And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did. "on him" means "into him".
- **40** So when the Samaritans were come unto him, they besought him that he would tarry with them: and he abode there two days. Jesus is staying 2 days in a Samaritan city. This is significant because He was Jewish.
- 41 And many more believed because of his own word;
- 42 And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world. We believe what Jesus Christ says about Himself.
- **43** ¶ Now after two days he departed thence, and went into Galilee. Jesus Christ is making the rounds and giving everybody the opportunity to accept or reject Him.
- 44 For Jesus himself testified, that a prophet hath no honour in his own country.
- 45 Then when he was come into Galilee, the Galilaeans received him, having seen all the things that he did at Jerusalem at the feast: for they also went unto the feast. They'd been there and saw Jesus Christ turning over the money tables and chastising the marketers for making the church a marketplace.
- 46 So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum.
- 47 When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judaea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death.
- **48** Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe. Jesus Christ berates him because he's going on about the miracles. Jesus Christ wants them to believe on Him in faith, not miracles.
- **49** The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die. Jesus doesn't say, I'll rush down there right away, 22 miles away. The man first said his older son was dying, then he changed to a younger son who was dying, trying to pull on Jesus's heart strings.
- **50** Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way. It's amazing that the man believed Jesus and went his way. Jesus just spoke from 22 miles away and said his son was better. The man trusted Him.
- 51 And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told him, saying, Thy son liveth.
- 52 Then enquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.

53 So the father knew that it was at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house. The boy was healed exactly when Jesus said he would be.
54 This is again the second miracle that Jesus did, when he was come out of Judaea into Galilee.¶