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“Note Those Who So Walk”

Philippians 3:17

2Thessalonians 3:14

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***The Samaritan Woman —
What to Do With Good News***

Text: John 4:1-42

John 4:39, *“And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, ‘He told me all that I ever did.’”*

Introduction:

1. Often times, the focus of the story concerning the Samaritan woman is on how to worship correctly (24).
 - A. It must be in spirit – with all of our being.
 - B. And it must be in truth – as God has outlined for it to be done.
2. Sometimes, the focus of the story is how the woman reacted to Jesus (19-20).
 - A. She realized Jesus knew more about her than she initially thought.
 - B. She simply changed the subject and tried to justify her worship.
3. Today, I want to notice the woman’s eventual reaction when she learned who Jesus was:
 - A. Jesus revealed Himself to her in verse 26.
 - B. She left her waterpot and ran back to the city to tell others in verses 28-29.
4. Let’s notice:

- A. Her (the Samaritan woman) reaction.
- B. His (Jesus) reaction.
- C. Their (the people she told) reaction.

I. She found good news.

- A. Initially, she was embarrassed and surprise as indicated by her changing the subject.
- B. When she learned, she left and told all.
- C. Why? This was the Christ!
- D. No longer was she concerned about her lifestyle. Think of what the people could have asked.
- E. She wanted to tell all. Do we want to tell all?

II. Jesus met people where they were.

- A. He met this woman in a place where Jews did not dare tread.
- B. He explained to the disciples the value of doing what is important.
 - 1. Eating is necessary.
 - 2. Yet sometimes we get caught up in the mundane things of life that we forget the harvest has come.
 - 3. Jesus showed them the value of a soul.
- C. He also taught them the value of cooperation (38).
- D. He showed them how to meet people where they are (see Acts 17:22-34).
- E. Today, do we sacrifice the value of a soul to do the busy work of life?

III. The people had to find out if it was so.

- A. They initially believed because of what the Samaritan woman said (39).
- B. Jesus was willing to stay and teach them more (40).
- C. Then, they believed because of His word (41).
- D. They confirmed this in verse 42.
- E. Do we check it out or do we trust the preacher?