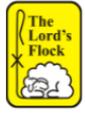


A Glimpse of Pure Faith

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In His encounter with the Samaritan women, Jesus purposely waited for her at the well to give her a special time. First, He rebuked her for her sins because her thirst for a man's love had led her to multiple relationships. Thereafter, Jesus told her about the true path to salvation so that she would never be thirsty again. She was refreshed by His grace and never returned to the well (Jn. 4). Similarly, we have our own "thirsts": money, prestige, business and luxuries. Also, Jesus has promised us when we meet Him, we become new-born children of God. Indeed, Jesus is intentional when He evangelizes; hence, our faith can be inspired by a glimpse of the Samaritan woman's faith responsible for turning a town to God.

- 1. Simple faith.** She was a child of a hated race; she did not see any of Jesus' numerous miracles, but she accepted the words of Jesus wholeheartedly and was saved. Focused only on the Lord, she let go of her past. Is this true for us today? Have we become stronger because of our faith?
- 2. Sincere faith (in the heart of the woman).** She had an amazing transformation after she met the Lord: she left the town a shunned woman, but returned to tell her story about meeting Jesus. She became so focused on everything Jesus told her. This is how it works with everyone who meets the Lord; their life is totally transformed. One moment He was the Lord Jesus Christ, a distant man who died on the cross; next instance, He becomes our friend (Jn. 15; 2 Cor 5:17).
- 3. Sharing faith.** The first thing she wanted to do was to tell the town about Jesus (Jn. 4: 28-29). The people believed her testimony and recognized Him as their Saviour.

Similarly, our witnessing about the change/s Jesus has done to our lives is powerful. Just one sharing can turn thousands (converts) to the Lord. Let us all be persistent in inviting our friends to hear the word of God (Acts 1:8).

2.3 Shining Faith. The change in her life was plain to see. The people saw the changes--she was persistently talking about the Lord. If the Lord is truly in our life, then, we become mirrors and carry the light to others. Moreover, we illumine people; we will stand out from the darkness around us. He will fill us up to the brim so that we can help others.

2.4 Saving Faith. She received the living water that lasts for eternity. She lost her will to fight; then, she believed in the Messiah. Our faith must be like hers. Let us make sure we go to the well of living water, not the man-made well.

Conclusion: Jesus used a sinner to change a town. As Jesus has saved us, let us share Him with others. When we know Him, we receive power to witness for Him (Acts 1:8).

Reflection: What are you thirsty for? What changes happened to you after meeting Jesus? Do you share them?

Prayer: *Lord, grant me the courage to share the Gospel without fear even when faced with opposition or doubt. Give me the words you want me to speak and the wisdom to know when to share them. In Jesus' Name, AMEN!*

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