

## “The Crucial Element”



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Hebrews 11 tells us of numerous people who, against all odds, obediently walked in faith to fulfill the vision God gave them.

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Faith is the crucial element for us to have in order to walk out the visions God gives us to do.

1Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. 2For by it the elders obtained a good report. 3Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear . . . 6But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. 7By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

8By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not

knowing whither he went. 9By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: 10For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. Heb. 11:1-3,6-1(KJV)

Noah heeded God’s warning and walked out the vision God gave him irregardless of what people around him said or did. Many people would say that Abraham wandered aimlessly for decades. These people need to understand that Abraham was walking in faith. Because he walked in faith—unshakable faith—and never gave up on the vision God gave him, it was fulfilled. Be encouraged by Noah, Abraham and the others in this chapter. Walk in faith and you will please God, and the vision he gave you will come to pass.

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## “We Are The Harvesters”

(Teaching Sketch)

John 4: 27-42 (NIV)



he harvester has such a very important in the cycle of sowing and reaping. Both the sower and the reaper are an important part of the cycle of life and the sustaining of life.



woman,” they asked no questions of him. They had, no doubt, learned from past encounters that Jesus always had a reason

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for his actions, no matter how “outside the box” what he was doing seemed!

“My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.” What an astonishing statement this must have been as it fell on the disciples’ ears!

What a astonishing statement it still is today!

### Nourishing the Physical

The disciples had just returned from going to procure food. They could all eat now for their physical needs could be met.

Returning, they saw Jesus engaged in conversation with a woman who did not meet the standards of propriety in the understanding of the Jews. Even though they did not understand why he would be talking to this “Samaritan

### Putting Down the Task

While the disciples were concerned with the physical needs, just being realistic, the woman leaves Jesus at Jacob’s Well, along with her water jar, to hurry back into town to tell of this man—the Messiah!

Notice, she has left behind her natural purpose... to fetch water for the day’s physical needs. Why? She does this because her real needs, the spiritual needs she has yearned to satisfy, her eternal needs have been met!

### A Compelling Report

This woman, returning from Jacob’s Well, where she had gone for temporal water, was

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## Scripture:

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### The Disciples Rejoin Jesus

<sup>27</sup> 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?" <sup>28</sup> Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, <sup>29</sup> "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Christ<sup>[a]?</sup>" <sup>30</sup> They came out of the town and made their way toward him. <sup>31</sup> Meanwhile his disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat something." <sup>32</sup> But he said to them, **"I have food to eat that you know nothing about."** <sup>33</sup> Then his disciples said to each other, "Could someone have brought him food?" <sup>34</sup> **"My food,"** said Jesus, **"is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work."** <sup>35</sup> Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. <sup>36</sup> Even now the reaper draws his wages, even now he harvests the crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be

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[a] John 4:29 Or Messiah

glad together. <sup>37</sup> Thus the saying 'One sows and another reaps' is true. <sup>38</sup> 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 labor."

### Many Samaritans Believe

<sup>39</sup> Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony. "He told me everything I ever did." <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. <sup>41</sup> And because of his words, many more became believers. <sup>42</sup> 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 Savior of the world."



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now herself the vessel of clay holding the water of salvation and the gift of eternal life! Now, that is a compelling report certain to gain the ear of nearly every person she would encounter.

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## Let's Go!

Those who heard her report, testimony, were immediately ready to follow her to her Messiah. They wanted what she had received while fetching water.

## Stuck in “Reality”

The disciples are stuck in reality as the prophetic is being brought into the present.

## Sowing Work Done

Jesus tells his disciples the hard work of sowing, tending, and watering has been done. Now, sowing and planting are being done simultaneously!

## Encoding the Message

The people of Sychar first believed because of this unnamed woman's report. They then invited Jesus to stay with them, which he did for two days. They believed first because of the woman's report. By the end of two days the people reported, to the woman, that the reason for their faith was no longer her report, but because they had met the source of her faith personally! “We have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the

## Just so you'll know:

**Our service is informal.** We look to the Holy Spirit of God to guide us corporately and individually.

Our service usually follows this general pattern:

- **Informal fellowship & sharing** of what we have seen the Lord do in, through, and around us since we last met.
  - Testimonies are a part of the conversation.
- **Opening Prayer**
- **Praise, Worship, & Offerings:** (*Offerings to be placed in basket during Praise & Worship*)  
Words of Prophecy or Knowledge if they have been given during “Praise & Worship.” (other times as the Spirit moves)
- **The Pastoral Message**
- **Prayer Requests**
  - Ministry to those present & intercession.
- **The Blessing**

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