

Satisfied
John 4:1-42
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Central Proposition: You can be satisfied in Jesus.

Introduction

What are some things that you find really hit the spot, things that are strangely gratifying or satisfying? We all have little things we find oddly satisfying and we enjoy, but most people also have the experience of looking for satisfaction from things that can't really satisfy them, of trying to fill some hole or insecurity or fear with a relationship or a pursuit or a substance that we have to keep going back to over and over again and it never quite does the job. The Gospel of John was written as a witness to Jesus so that we could believe in Him and have life in His name. Eternal life. Life that is fulfilled, satisfied, complete.

1. You should ask Him for living water. See John 4:1-14; Genesis 3:6; Jeremiah 2:13.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water and Jesus asked her for a drink. She expressed her cynicism and that's when Jesus took the opportunity to share the real reason why He was there.

- The woman will eventually come to understand what this gift of God is; she'll begin to grasp who Jesus is, and she'll even ask Jesus for that drink.
- We are all the perpetrators of sin and we become the slaves and victims of sin as well. Jesus is both meeting an outcast in her brokenness and meeting a sinner in her guilt.
- She had tried to satisfy her needs with men, but she finally met the only man who could satisfy her. He wasn't interested in marrying her; He had come to be her Savior.
- In one way or another, we're all like that woman.

2. You should worship in Spirit and Truth. See John 4:19-29; John 3:34; John 4:24.

The theological debate over the correct location to worship God was still happening between the Jews and the Samaritans. Though the Temple in Jerusalem was the right place to worship, Jesus was replacing and surpassing the Temple.

- True worship is no longer defined by a particular location or building but by a personal relationship with God. To worship in Spirit and Truth, then, is to worship in and through Jesus.

3. You should participate in the harvest. See John 4:31-42; Deuteronomy 8:3.

Because Jesus lived by the Word of God, He was able to discern God's will and knew that there was a harvest to be brought in; there were souls that needed to be saved. But that wasn't just Jesus' work. He was setting an example that He wants His disciples, including us, to follow. He has gone before us and prepared the way. He has sent laborers ahead to sow and to water, and He calls us to participate in the harvest.

Conclusion

To be satisfied in Jesus you should ask Him for living water, you should worship in Spirit and Truth, and you should participate in the harvest.