

## LIVE A PURPOSEFUL LIFE

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Believing Into Life, Part 12

**BIG IDEA: When you live with purpose, it is actually food for your soul.**

<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 Messiah?” <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> Don’t you have a saying, ‘It’s still four months until harvest’? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. <sup>36</sup> Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be 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.”

<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.”

**John 4:25-42**

*“We’ve heard for ourselves and know you are the Savior”*

**4. As people move toward Jesus, they see him more clearly as more than a prophet, more than an expert psychologist or healer, and more than a model of how-to-do-life... But, as the Anointed King, Messiah, God’s answer to humanity and the Savior of the whole world.**

*“Open your eyes... The fields are ripe for harvest”*

**3. See everything and everyone from his eternal perspective.** What matters for eternity?

“So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.” **2 Cor. 5:16**

“when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself.” **John 12:32**

*“My food is to do the will of him who sent me”*

**2. Nourish your soul by investing in God’s process of influencing people toward Jesus.**

“For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation” **Colossians 1:19–22**

**How? Tell others what he has done for you and ask the question: Could he be your answer?**

*“He told me everything I ever did!”*

**1. Let Jesus into your broken life.**