

The dangers of complacency

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JOHN 4:20 NIV – (20) Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”

Let's put the above scripture in context. Jesus speaks to a Samaritan woman who is drawing water from a well. Jesus both confronts her about her sin, and comforts her with the truth of the gospel. In particular, He explains that even though He knows her sins, He still seeks after her, and those like her. The woman returns to town, eventually bringing many people to meet Jesus. The disciples, meanwhile, have to be reminded of the purpose of their mission. Jesus also heals the son of a government official in a way that demonstrates the importance of trusting faith, rather than reliance on spectacle.

Now, let's do an observation of the above scripture. Jesus and the woman are conversing and look what she says in verse (20). First thing you must know is Jesus is a Jew and this woman was a Samaritan. Jews and Samaritans didn't get along at all. A matter of fact, there was much hatred between the two. The woman even says, "You Jews." It seems she was concerned about how the Samaritans did things in their church on the mountain. So much competition and it is taking place today among our local churches.

When we develop such a mentality, we miss out on what is right in front of us. Jesus addressed her sins, but He was not falling out about the woman's attitude towards Him. Jesus was on a mission! A mission called "Salvation." The complacency we need is the complacency Jesus is striving for. Being about His Father's business. But many Christians today are conducting themselves like the Samaritan woman. And they are in danger because the attitude is, "This is the way we do it here!"

We must change our perspective and do it like Jesus. Notice at the end of the story He won Her over and she celebrated by telling her testimony. That's the way it was done then and Jesus is telling us that it should be the same now. If the complacency is incorrect, come out of it. Be about our Father's business!

SCRIPTURE READING

2 CHRONICLES 20:33

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The tragedy of life is not found in failure but complacency. ...

"A JOURNEY OF THE HEART"