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But you shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. *Acts 1:8*

The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest. *Matthew 9:37-38*



Cultivating Young Leaders Through The Discipline Of Music Training

It's Harvest Time

Camden is a city with an infamous reputation. Its people are often stigmatized as being dangerous, criminals and immoral. Because of its notoriety many avoid going there. If by chance they have a need to be there, most would take care of their business, get out of town, and would not consider speaking with a stranger on the street. The biblical city of the Samaritans had a reputation similar to the City of Camden. The Samaritans were looked upon as being vile, sinners. Those in surrounding communities, in particular Jerusalem and Judea, did not care to associate with them.

One day a woman of Samaria went to draw water from the well in her city. Upon her arrival she met a man. He was neither from her city, nor of her people. He was sitting on the well where she was to draw water. He began to engage her in a conversation about water. Imagine you are that woman having such a conversation with a complete stranger. Think about what would be going on in your mind – I don't know this person; his people hate mine and he is asking me to give him water; before I could do so, he says he's a gift from God so I should be asking him for water; he's talking about giving me water that will make me live forever; he doesn't have any means to draw this water; he has no idea how deep the well is; and he thinks he knows more than our father Jacob who built the well. You would most likely be thinking, this man has some serious issues.

The woman was polite to the man and went along with the conversation. She challenged him to give her this water that would make her life easier. She told him she would not have to labor at the well again; she would never thirst; and she would live forever. It would not be unreasonable to believe she was being sarcastic. He responded by challenging her skepticism. She never anticipated that this stranger would know everything about her and was about to expose and address her sins. He caused her to realize, she was the one with serious issues in her life and only he, Jesus the living water, could quench her thirsty soul.

As the conversation was ending, along came the disciples, who had gone to the market to buy meat. When they saw Jesus talking with the woman, they wondered amongst themselves why he was talking to this despised, Samaritan. They did not consider her worthy of their attention. They were not affected by the overflowing joy that caused her to run to her village to tell everyone, come see Jesus the Christ. Having been so long with Jesus, the disciples should have known that when she told her village, everyone would come see the man who could perform such miracles. Instead of preparing to minister to the Samaritan crowd, the disciples called Jesus to sit and eat with them. Jesus responded that he had meat. The disciples were baffled because they knew he did not have food. Jesus revealed their thoughts.

He told them it was not time for eating. It's harvest time! It was time to do the will of his father in heaven. If they considered the Samaritan woman to be such a sinner, then there should have been an urgency to bring her to Jesus. Instead, they focused on their comfort. They chose to lounge and relax. He admonished them, "Say not there are yet four months, and then comes harvest? Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." (John 4:35) How could they eat in the presence of hungry people without offering them anything. They could easily look up and see the crowd who needed the bread of life. Jesus was teaching, you have to reap before you eat. Reaping souls, "gathers fruit unto eternal life." (John 4:36). These souls would never hunger again.

While Jesus was talking, the crowd stood before him. The woman whom they despised brought the people from her city to meet the man who knew everything about her. The people entreated Jesus to come stay with them in their city. Jesus had no problem abiding in Samaria, the city no one cared to enter, and staying in their homes. Jesus did not seek his comfort, but took time to minister to a despised woman and her people. As a result, many of those poorly esteemed Samaritans came to know Jesus and to believe that he was the Christ, the Savior of the World.

At Jubilee Music Enrichment, we can look through our windows and see "it's harvest time." Gathered in Yorkship Square is a field of people of all ages, diverse ethnicities, and unique life stories. We look beyond the stigmatism and differences and see that we are all the same, "shaped in iniquity and born in sin." (Psalms 51:2) Just like us, they need the living water. They need to be introduced to Jesus. It is not time to sit back and relax in contentment that we know Jesus. Rather, there is an urgency to sacrifice ourselves and diligently use what the Lord has given us to "gather fruit unto eternal life." "Now is the accepted time, behold now is the day of salvation." (2 Corinthians 6:2) It's harvest time!

Sometimes reaping the harvest can be exhausting, but even when we are sitting on the well for refreshment, we can tell someone about Jesus. Please pray fervently for Jubilee Music Enrichment during this harvest time and as you celebrate the Lord's goodness during this season of Thanksgiving

Prayer Requests

- We have walked the immediate neighborhood of Yorkship Sq. and distributed over one thousand informational packets which included a gospel tract. People are calling to enroll their children. Pray that the Lord will speak to hearts and souls will be saved through the reading of the tracts.
- When Jesus was ministering the gospel he saw so many people who needed him. Having compassion for them he told his disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few; Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." Please offer this prayer for Jubilee Music Enrichment. This is a great need.
- The Jubilee Ringers have a busy performance schedule for the holidays. Pray that they will do well, especially the new students who will be performing for the first time. Our Annual Christmas Concert and Buffet will take place on Saturday, December 12. Please look for your postcard, coming in the mail soon, or check our website for details.
- We thank the Lord for the progress on the building thus far. The pictures show before and after work that has been completed. The construction and plumbing have been completed. We had obstacles which caused delays in the electrical work but as I am writing, most of it is now finished. We have a few additional things that the city is requesting and we must complete the installation of the fire and security system. If the remaining work continues on time and inspections go well, then we should receive our certificate of occupancy by Thanksgiving. We hope to announce the open house and dedication soon. Please pray that the process proceeds smoothly. We have faced obstacle after obstacle but we continue to trust in the Lord, knowing He does all things well.
- We offer a prayer of thanksgiving for all who have sacrificed to support the ministry of Jubilee Music Enrichment. Pray that the Lord will continue to supply our needs.
- Please pray for the leadership and all who serve. Pray that the Lord will give wisdom and that they will grow stronger in the Lord each day.
- Pray for the protection of our building. Pray that it is seen as a lighthouse of hope on the corner of Yorkship Square.

