

Bridges Not Barriers Part 2

John 4:27-42

I. The Samaritan woman became the bridge builder John 4:27-30

A. The disciples were shocked by what they saw (27)

27 And at this *point* His disciples came, and they marveled that He talked with a woman; yet no one said, “What do You seek?” or, “Why are You talking with her?”

B. The woman's passion to share her experience with Jesus with others (28-30)

28 The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, **29** “Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?” **30** Then they went out of the city and came to Him.

II. Jesus teaches on the work of bridge building John 4:31-38

A. Bridge building starts with an appetite (31-33)

31 In the meantime His disciples urged Him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.” **32** But He said to them, “I have food to eat of which you do not know.” **33** Therefore the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought Him *anything* to eat?” **34** Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.

B. Bridge building is to labor in the harvest field (35-38)

35 Do you not say, ‘There are still four months and *then* comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! **36** And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. **37** For in this the saying is true: ‘One sows and another reaps.’ **38** I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors.”

III. Bridge builders point people to Jesus John 4:39-42

A. Her story converted people (39,40)

39 And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, “He told me all that I *ever* did.” **40** So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days.

B His story convinced People (solidified faith) (41,42)

41 And many more believed because of His own word. **42** Then they said to the woman, “Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard *Him* and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world.”

Conclusion

1. We are bridge builders with our testimony.
2. We are bridge builders when we serve in the ministry.
3. We are bridge builders and point people to Jesus.