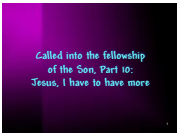


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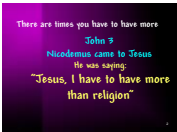
***Called into the fellowship of the Son,
Part 10: Jesus, I have to have more***

One of my Mom's mottos was never leave the table hungry and we never did. But sometimes when I went to friends homes they gave out enough to feed a bird. So many times I would come home and raid the refrigerator because I was starving. In life there are times that you just must have more.

We are looking at four people who were not satisfied with their lives.

Jesus was able to meet their deeper needs.

#2



Jesus, I have to have more

In John 3 we are given the story of Nicodemus coming to Jesus.

Nicodemus was one of the head religious men of his day.

He was trained in scripture

He knew the law inside out

He enjoyed great status as one who knew God.

He needed more, so he came to Jesus at night for an interview.

He didn't want to lose his position with the Orthodox Jews and the synagogue.

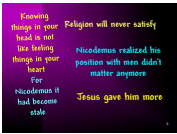
He had heard about Jesus Christ the Son of God and knew there had to be something more than religion.

You may have been in church all your life, and need more.

You may need to tell Him you are dissatisfied with the way things are going in your life.

You need more than you have had.

#3



Religion will never satisfy.

It may give you a great standing with others, but it is not a true standing with God.

Nicodemus position with men didn't matter anymore.

He wanted his position with God to be right.

He needed more!

Everyone may tell you how great you are.

If you are like Nicodemus, you know your standing with God is not right and you want more.

If that is where you are, then wherever you are standing is wrong.

Religion doesn't satisfy because - knowing things in your head isn't like having Christ in your heart.

For Nicodemus it had become stale.

He was tired of getting up in the morning and doing the same things.

He had his religious practices down.

He ran in the same religious circles, but he was feeling emptiness inside.

Jesus gave him more.

Jesus gave Nicodemus what he needed.

He needed a new life, a new birth, a new beginning.

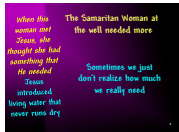
Jesus let him know he needed life in the Spirit not just the flesh.

Jesus gave him something that would satisfy the soul.

Jesus gave him true salvation which was good news.

In the middle of the night Nicodemus found the light of the world.

#4



In John 4, the Samaritan Woman at the well needed more.

Sometimes in life we just don't realize how much we really need.

The Samaritans were a mixed group of people who were despised by the Jews.

They were Jews who had married foreigners in the Northern Kingdom after the Assyrian invasion.

When this woman met Jesus, she thought she had something that He needed.

She knew it was not proper for Him to talk to her.

She could tell that he had no ability to get water from the well without a bucket.

She knew all about men.

She knew all about worship.

It is amazing how deceived we are when we don't have Jesus Christ in our lives.

Then Jesus introduced living water that never runs dry.

He said this living water would satisfy her soul forever.

She needed Him, more than He needed her.

She said: "I have to have more."

She had spent her life in bad relationships,

None of her relationships could satisfy her soul.

Relationships do not satisfy because – they are water that runs dry.

There are many blessings in good relationships.

God has placed His blessing on the relationship of marriage.

That Samaritan Woman had had many relationships that were not valid.

#5

Only Jesus
can give pure,
perfected love.

Without Christ in our lives,
every other relationship will
leave us empty.

Jesus gave
her more.

Many negative things
were attached to her
relationships.

It does not matter how far we can fall,
what matters is how high He can lift us.

This woman was being called into the fellowship of Jesus Christ, God's Son.

Without Christ in our lives, every other relationship leaves us empty.

She had 5 husbands and the man she currently had was not her husband.

She had many relationships that had brought her much pain, rejection, and fear.

The Samaritan Woman at the well needed more.

Many negative things were attached to her relationships.

She had much confusion and many regrets.

Only Jesus can give pure, perfected love.

His love is a kind of love that loves at all times.

He is a friend that sticks closer than a brother.

There is no greater love than this.

Jesus gave her more.

He gave her forgiveness of sins.

He gave her purpose in life.

He gave her living water and heavenly food that satisfied the thirst and hunger of her soul.

She found living water in the relationship with Jesus Christ the Son of God.

She had to let the whole town know about Christ.

He gave her a living testimony of life transformation.

She never knew the well was the starting place of her ministry and new life.

It does not matter how far we can fall, what matters is how high he can lift us.

#6

What do you think of Zacchaeus?
 He may have been short, but he was a man to be reckoned with.

It is always great when the rich and famous come to Jesus Christ and say, "I have to have more."
 Luke 19:1-10
 Zacchaeus needed more.

Jesus reached down to her level, and changed her life.

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You may have never thought of this man like this before.

His story is found in Luke 19:1-10.

He was probably one of the richest men in town. He had a reputation that went all of the way to Rome, which was at that time the center of the world.

He was a tax collector for Rome.

Most of us have a different opinion of Zacchaeus.

Zacchaeus was a wee little man and a wee little man was he.

He climbed up the sycamore tree, to see the Savior ...

Zacchaeus may have been short, but he was a man to be reckoned with.

He had everything the world could offer him.

He was successful.

He had climbed the corporate ladder.

He was wealthy.

Business people came to his home for fellowship.

But, Zacchaeus needed more.

Success had not satisfied.

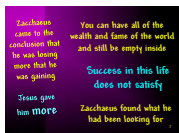
He had eaten everything there is to eat.

He had seen everything there is to see.

He had chased the wind, and was still empty.

What does it profit, if you gain the whole world and lose your own soul?

#7



You can have all the wealth and fame of the world and still be empty inside.

It has been seen in the lives of many.

His story is a sad tale of fame, fortune, and emptiness.

Success in life does not satisfy.

It does not matter how much you obtain in life.

What was today's big news, fails to draw our attention tomorrow.

Zacchaeus came to the conclusion that he was losing more than he was gaining.

Jesus gave him more than the world could give.

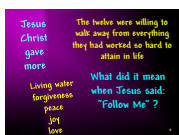
True success is a peace of mind and life that does not pass away.

Jesus gave what no one else could give.

He gave him an investment in treasures in heaven that would never pass away.

In Jesus Christ, Zacchaeus finally found what he had been looking for.

#8



Fourth is a group of men.

All twelve of them were willing to walk away from everything they had worked so hard to attain in life.

Think about it for a minute.

They had businesses and families.

They had positions and fortunes.

Everything they had was not enough to satisfy the hunger of their souls.

Have you thought what it meant when Jesus said "Follow me?"

Peter, James, John, and Andrew walked away from their boats, fishing, and family.

Matthew walked away from his tax table.

Every one of them wanted more than what the world could give.

They were called into the fellowship of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Jesus gave them something worldly positions could not afford.

Jesus Christ gave them a chance to make a difference in the lives of other people.

He gave them a bigger purpose than ever before.

He gave them the kingdom.

He gave them a vision for reaching a world that is lost.

Today, there is more.

There is living water.

There is forgiveness of sins.

There is peace, joy, and love.

- Like Nicodemus, do you need more than religion?
- Like the Samaritan woman, do you need more than another relationship?
- Like Zacchaeus, you don't need more things, or money, you need Jesus.
- Like the 12 disciples, you need to be in the fellowship of Jesus Christ the Son of the Living God.

My soul is hungry for something that only comes from Jesus Christ.

I must have more.

#9

*I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold;
I'd rather be His than have riches untold;
I'd rather have Jesus than houses or land;
I'd rather be led by His nail-pierced hand.*

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refrain:*

#10

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#11

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