

Problem

what do you live for

how do you balance living for Christ with the rest of your life?

Text:x**One Priority**

John 4:27 ¶ Just then his disciples came back (**kosher food?**). They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?"

John 4:28 So the woman **left her water jar (aorist) and went away** into town and said (**says- dramatic historical present**) to the people,

John 4:29 "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" (implies negative answer- understands her place -still goes)

John 4:30 They went out of the town and were coming to him.

John 4:31 ¶ **Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, "Rabbi, eat."**

Following Christ not about balance but priority

(28) left her water jar vs the disciples concern for food

Luke 9:21-26; 9:57-10:2; 14:25-35 - orders of magnitude

how do you balance the Christian life - you dont- matt 13:44-46

One Passion

John 4:32 But he said to them, **"I have food to eat that you do not know about."**

John 4:33 So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him something to eat?"

John 4:34 Jesus said to them, **"My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work."**

we must be passionate for His agenda over ours

the will of the Father vs the will of man-

will of man- Jn 4:6

will of Father -Jn 5:30; 6:38; 8:26; 9:4; 10:37-38; 12:49-50; 14:31; 15:10; 17:4

for us -Jn 20:21

One Pursuit

John 4:35 Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest.

John 4:36 Already **the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.**

John 4:37 For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.'

John 4:38 **I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."**

we must pursue His goals above our own

heavenly pragmatism - Matt 5:11-13 (rejoice)

the only one who can actually satisfy the human heart is the one who made it

heavenly reward - (Acts 7:56-60)

One Produce (fruit)

John 4:39 ¶ **Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony,** "He told me all that I ever did."

John 4:40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked (**begged**) him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days.

John 4:41 And **many more believed because of his word.**

John 4:42 They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and **we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."**

so we can produce His fruit not ours

because of the sinful woman testimony-this is evangelism: a sinner telling other sinners where she found bread

never forget WHOEVER, WHENEVER, WHEREVER -acts 13:48

savior of the world is John's designation of Christ as well - only other place mentioned in NT -1 John 4:14

Main Idea:

Living for Christ is not about balance...its about one priority, one passion, one pursuit, one produce

Implication:Not about balance:

Jesus did not live a balanced life neither did Paul, neither did John the baptist, neither did this samaritan woman - they pitched themselves fully into the arms of God trusting God to balance them out for His glory - balance is the Father's prerogative - (Eph 4:15-16; 1 Cor 12:11-26)

But about worship:

John 4:21-24 -right before our story worship - Mark 12:28-33 - all your heart -not some, all your soul, not some, all your strength, not some -

application:

you cannot balance your priorities and His -pick
you cannot balance your agenda and His -pick
you cannot pursue your goals and His -pick
you cannot build your kingdom and His -pick

Seek first the Kingdom...

trust Him to take care of the small stuff - Matt 6:19-33

(ex: when we love the Lord with all our heart it will enable us to actually love others)

use the articles below to help you go deeper in thinking about the sermon

we talk a lot about making ministers not ministries - how does this sermon and its encouragement to evangelize motivate you? How does this article help?

<http://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/how-to-create-a-culture-of-evangelism>

how does this article relate and differ from the main idea and implications of the sermon?

<http://crossroadcoach.com/work-life-balance-is-an-illusion/>

how does surgeon interact with the sermon?

<http://www.spurgeon.org/sermons/3446.htm>