## LIFE IN HIM MAKES REAL LIFE CHANGES.

"Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. And because of his words many more became believers. They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world."" (John 4:39-42 NIV)

The Lord Jesus said to the Samaritan woman in John 4:21-22, 'Believe me, woman, the hour will come when you will worship the Father not on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know, we worship what we know, because salvation comes from the Jews." And then He said as written in the devotional verse last month, verses 23-24. When the Lord Jesus died on the cross and was then resurrected on the 3rd day about 2000 years ago, He became the door to salvation not only for the Samaritan woman, but also for the Jewish people in Samaria and also for all mankind. And in the days leading up to His second coming, He is still looking for individuals who want to be changed, namely those who want to worship the Father in spirit and truth. After Christ Jesus rose on the third day, then appeared to His disciples for 40 days and finally ascended to heaven, His disciples experienced a real change in their lives as His followers. God's Word in Luke 24:52 (NIV) says, "Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy." They are always in the Temple and glorifying God." This is the worship lifestyle of God's disciples which experienced a real change after His resurrection. Acts 1:14 (NIV) also writes, that "They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers." The prayer, praise and worship of these followers of Christ then gave rise to great spiritual visits and revival. They were moved by God to witness His great deeds after God poured out the Holy Spirit on all His disciples (Acts 1:8; 2:7-11). The early church was born because of the work of the Holy Spirit. The early church persevered in the teachings of the apostles. Prayer, praise and worship carried out in spirit and truth always characterized the worship life of the early congregation (Acts 2:41-47). I believe, this is what then forms the pattern of their worship life which ultimately makes big changes. There were so many souls that were harvested and that God added to the early church at that time. Whenever they faced struggles, they would be united and united in prayer, so that when they were praying, ... the place where they were gathered was shaken and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, then they preached the word of God boldly (Acts 4:31). God was pleased with the worship meetings of the early church. This teaches us to be able to build, improve, strengthen and increasingly appreciate the values of a life of worship which can bring major changes in the end times as God wills. This could be the key to the revival and growth of our church. A true worshiper can be used by God to win a person, a group, a region or a city (John 4:39-42). Amen! Jesus bless you.

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