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CONVERSATIONS

PART I: THE POWER OF A CONVERSATION

John 4:3-9 (NLT). So he left Judea and returned to Galilee. He had to go through Samaria on the way. Eventually he came to the Samaritan village of Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there; and Jesus, tired from the long walk, sat wearily beside the well about noontime. Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Please give me a drink." He was alone at the time because his disciples had gone into the village to buy some food. The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?"

When we engage in conversations we realize that when we remove the superficial things that separate us, **we are all in need of God and His love, and His grace, and His truth.**

REMEMBER: One conversation, one seed.

Matthew 28:19-20 (NLT). Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

TO PLANT A SEED WE HAVE TO:

1. BE [OPEN] TO HAVING CONVERSATIONS.

I wonder if the people we reject are the same people Jesus wants to reach?

Romans 10:14-15 (NLT). But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? 15 And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!"

2. BE [WILLING] TO ENGAGE IN CONVERSATIONS.

Willing: To be prepared, to be deliberate in, to be determined, to exercise, to put into action.

We can be open to something but not necessarily willing.

Matthew 5:13-16 (NLT). *“You are the salt of the earth.... “You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.*

In a dark world, the only hope lies in those who shine their light. We need to be in direct and regular contact with the world we wish to impact.

3. BEING [EXPOSED] TO THE RAMIFICATIONS OF CONVERSATIONS.

Mahatma Gandhi: *“I like your Christ; I don’t like your Christians. Your Christians are so different from your Christ.”*

2 Timothy 1:7-8 (ESV). *for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. Therefore, do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God,*

Everywhere around us there are people that God wants to reach through us – if only we would be open, if only we would be willing, if only we would be exposed enough to have a conversation.



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