

New Year –New Mindset

**4 Attitudes that
Hinder the Harvest**

John 4:27

John 4:27-38: “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?” The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, “Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?” Then they went out of the city and came to Him. In the meantime His disciples urged Him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.” But He said to them, “I have food to eat of which you do not know.” Therefore the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought Him anything to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. 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! And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. For in this the saying is true: ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors.”

Short Sweet To The Point

“The harvest is past, the summer is ended,

4 And he must needs go through Samaria.

5 Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.

6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with *his* journey, sat thus on the well: *and* it was about the sixth hour.

7 There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.

Attitudes

...Inward feelings expressed in outward behavior.

- **Can Be Hidden...**
- **But Not Very Long By Anyone.**
- **Sooner Or Later, An Attitude Surfaces...**
...And Is Displayed For All To See.
- **There are Some Hindering the Harvest**
- **In the Story of the Woman at the Well, there are a Number of Attitudes that are Displayed by the Disciples.**
- **Some of the Same Attitudes Can Be Found in the Church Today.**

There Is No Harvest –Att #1

The Disciples Seem Surprised that Jesus...

...Saw Potential in the Woman of Samaria.

Samaritans Hated by Jews

- Half-Breeds
 - ...Jew and Assyrian +
- Blasphemous...
 - ...Judaism + Idolatry
- Enemies...
 - ...Asylum to Criminals
- Considered Dogs

Woman Hated by Samaritans

- Mid Day -Hottest
- Alone –Not Trusted
- Life Shattered...
 - ...5 Trips Down Isle
 - ...Lost Hope
 - ...No Covenant w- #6
- She's About to Meet #7

There Is No Harvest –Att #1

The Disciples Seem Surprised that Jesus...

...Saw Potential in the Woman of Samaria.

- **Jesus was tuned in...*Souls at Stake*...**

...Disciples seemed more concerned about buying food

“I have food to eat of which you do not know.”

- **There is a denial among many that there is No Harvest.**

- **We have become isolated within our four walls...**

...unaware that in the shadow of the steeple souls are dying.

...We live in our own world surrounded by the godly

Proverbs 10:5: *“He who gathers in summer is a wise son;*

He who sleeps in harvest is a son who causes shame”

There is a Limited Harvest -Att #2

Some Acknowledge That There Is A Harvest, They Limit It By Saying,

“There Is A Harvest, But Not Them, Not There, Or Not Here.”

Matthew 28:19, 20, *“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”*

- **The Woman of Samaria was a Half-breed, An Outcast.**
- **It's Known as Selective Evangelism.**
 - ...**Give to World Missions to Save a Native in Africa,**
 - ...**but Would Be Offended if that same man came in to Sit Beside Them.**

Acts 10, God showed Peter that He is no “*respector of persons.*”

With All The Workers In The Harvest... ...God Doesn't Need Me –Att #3

Jesus said, in **Matthew 9:37**, *“The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few.”*

- In **Matthew 9:38**, Jesus instructed His disciples, *“Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”*
- **There is a Shortage in the Harvest Labor Force.**

Time for ALL Hands on Deck!!!

There is No One Like You!

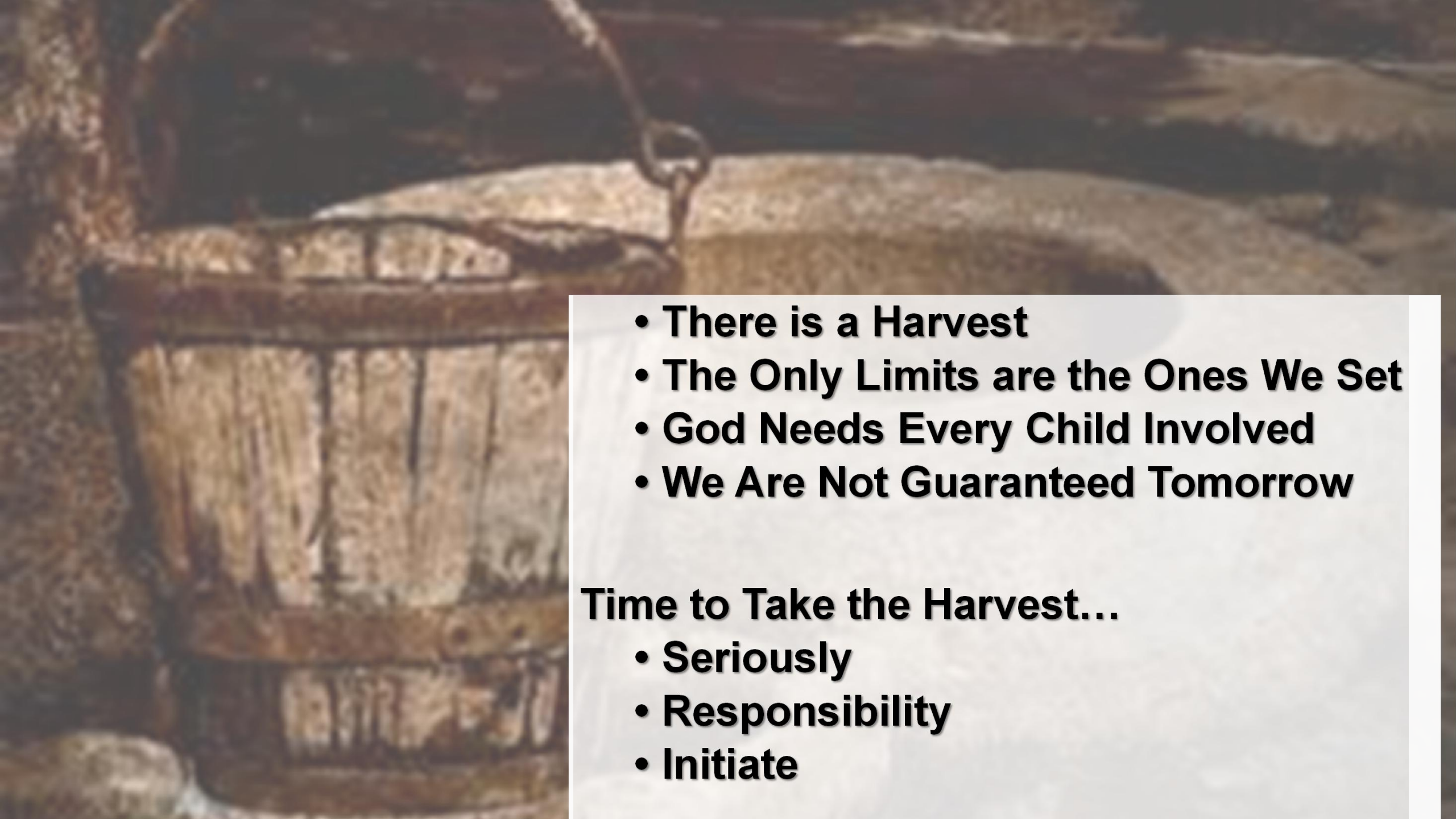
God Designed you with a Specific Mission in Mind

There Is Plenty Of Time –Attitude #4

Jesus said, in **John 9:4**, *“I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.”*

- *“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!” (John 4:35).*
- **While we live as if there is no hurry, souls slip into eternity.**

James 4:13, 14: *“Come now, you who say, ‘Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit’; whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.”*

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- A wooden bucket with a handle, hanging from a chain. The background is a sunset over a field with rolling hills.
- **There is a Harvest**
 - **The Only Limits are the Ones We Set**
 - **God Needs Every Child Involved**
 - **We Are Not Guaranteed Tomorrow**

Time to Take the Harvest...

- **Seriously**
- **Responsibility**
- **Initiate**

Conclusion: A weeping mother was running toward her burning home to save her four-year-old son Johnny. She was restrained by two firemen who warned her of certain death if she went back in the burning house. She continued to cry, “Somebody please save Johnny from the fire.” Finally, the two firemen risked their own lives and bravely ran into the burning house and pulled little Johnny Wesley out of the fire. They had no idea the child they were saving would become the greatest evangelist of his generation.

- Souls are crying out to be rescued.**
- Can you hear them?**
- What is your attitude about the harvest today?**