

Following in his Steps
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I Peter 2:22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

I Peter 2:23 Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:

There are many things in this life where we need to see someone do something before we can do it. A living walking example. It is for this reason that Jesus came to earth. He became a living walking example to all of us of a perfect sinless man. In Him we can see an example of what it would be to perfectly walk in obedience to God. No guess work! Do you want to please God, to be like Christ? Do you what to know what kind of person you need to be to please God? Just follow Christ.

In the gospels we have example after example of His dealings with people, His preaching and teaching, and how He lived.

Our text says,

I Peter 2:21 leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

He left us an example of how we all should follow in His steps.

Our text gives us some areas where we should follow His example. But I say there are many other areas. However, we will start out with the areas which Peter mentions and branch out from there.

I. FOLLOW IN HIS FOOTSTEPS BY ENDURING GRIEF.

I Peter 2:19 For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully.

Many times in this life we can become bitter, and think life is not fair, especially in the area of grief and suffering. Life is not always fair. In fact, think of Christ.

Our Lord was lied about.

Our Lord was hated.

Our Lord was mocked and crucified.

NOW LET US READ WHAT THEY DID TO OUR LORD:

Matthew 27:27 Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band of soldiers.

Matthew 27:28 And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe.

Matthew 27:29 And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews!

Matthew 27:30 And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head.

Matthew 27:31 And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him.

Matthew 27:39 And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads,

Matthew 27:40 And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross.

Matthew 27:41 Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said,

Matthew 27:42 He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him.

Matthew 27:43 He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God.

Notice Peter says,

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Jesus endured grief.

Jesus suffered wrongfully.

We follow in His footsteps when we endure grief for serving God.

From righteous Abel who was martyred for obeying God.

To modern missionaries around the world who have suffered innumerable hardships. Many have followed the example of Christ and suffered grief and wrongs for doing right serving God and following Christ.

When Jesus said,

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

The word Witness is MARTUS, from which we get the word Martyr.

martus, mar'-toos; of uncert. affin.; a witness (lit. judicially or fig. gen.); by anal. a "martyr":-martyr, record, witness.

Think of how those early disciples suffered wrongfully to be like Christ.

STEPHEN WAS STONED.

JAMES WAS KILLED BY HEROD.

PAUL WAS MARTYRED AT ROME.

Polycarp, a disciple of the Apostle John, was 86 years old when he was captured by the Romans and urged to deny his faith.

He replied:

"86 years have I have served him," Polycarp declared, "and he has done me no wrong. How can I blaspheme my King and my Savior?"

"I have wild animals here," the Proconsul said. "I will throw you to them if you do not repent." "Call them," Polycarp replied. "It is unthinkable for me to repent from what is good to turn to what is evil. I will be glad though to be changed from evil to righteousness." "If you despise the animals, I will have you burned." "You threaten me with fire which burns for an hour, and is then extinguished, but you know nothing of the fire of the coming judgment and eternal punishment, reserved for the ungodly. Why are you waiting? Bring on whatever you want."

Tradition says that when they tried to burn Polycarp at the stake the flames would not consume him. So the soldiers pierced him through with a sword and his blood put out the fire.

Jim Elliot and Four Missionary Friends.

Jim Elliot, along with four of his missionary colleagues was killed on January 8, 1956 while trying to establish contact with the Auca Indians in Ecuador (now known as the Waodani people). Jim Elliot, Nate Saint, Ed McCully, Pete Flemming and Roger Youderian had been working to make friendly contact with the Auca tribe which they had seen from the air. Though they had only met one tribesman face to face, they had participated in trades with the Auca from a plane to ground system. When Elliot and his friends landed on a river beach on that fateful January day they were slaughtered by the waiting men.

Their deaths were not in vain though. The widows continued to try and make peaceful contact and eventually won the hearts of the tribe. God has used this recent missionary martyr story to inspire new generations of missionaries willing to give their lives for what they believe.

How many have followed in the footsteps of our Lord by suffering wrongfully for doing right?

The Bible says we should follow in His footsteps. Are we willing to do that?

II. WE NEED TO FOLLOW IN HIS FOOTSTEPS BY NEVER SUFFERING AS AN EVIL DOER.

I Peter 4:12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

I Peter 4:13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

I Peter 4:14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.

I Peter 4:15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters.

I Peter 4:16 Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.

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It is an amazing thing how many people suffer because of the stupid things they do and then they think they are suffering for Jesus. This is nonsense.

Had a fellow I visited in jail one time who got drunk and then broke into a house to steal some things. He didn't even remember he did it. When I was visiting him to witness to him he said to me, Well Paul was put in jail also. I said, "yes but not for the same reason that you are in jail..."

Sometimes we suffer because of our own stupidity and sin. What amazes me is that even when that happens some people will not be humbled.

Jesus said, which of you convinceth me of sin. John 8:46

Don't think that you are suffering for the Lord when you suffer for your own stupidity!

There are some people that really get tough breaks in this life. Two people in particular are mentioned in the Bible.

Widows and Orphans.

Widows because their dependence has been on their husbands and now he is gone. And this had nothing to do with the widow herself.

In the day that the Bible was written a woman couldn't just go out and get a job like today. But even today no matter what woman rights teaches there are still some things that are hard for a woman to do.

The other group of people that through no fault of their own often have had it tough in this world are orphans. Again through no fault of their own a child who loses their parents will have difficulty in this world.

I know of a fellow who was an orphan, he and his brother. They were both pretty young I think one was 12 and the other maybe just a young teen, when both their parents died. They had no close relatives and instead of leaving the house they both took jobs after school and paid the bills and stayed in their home and lived on their own. This is very very rare. Both became successful in life. One went on to dental school and had a successful business.

Now when many people cry the blues it many times is of their own making.

Many people are poor because they brought it upon themselves by making bad decisions.

The Bible says let none of you suffer as an evil doer. Jesus was known as the carpenters son. Until he was 30 he probably worked as a carpenter. This was the Jewish custom to teach their sons a trade. Paul when he was in need financially worked as a tent maker.

If we follow in Jesus footsteps we will not be evil doers.

What are the deeds of an evil doer?

I Peter 4:15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters.

A murderer is the greatest evil doer of all.

A thief is an evil doer.

A busy body in other man's matters.

Generally an evildoer is simply a person who executes or commits evil deeds.

kakopoiōs, kak-op-oy-os'; from 2556 and 4160; a bad-doer; (spec.) a criminal:-evil-doer, malefactor.

My son tells me the tragic stories of people who bring trouble upon themselves all the time. When he first became a state trooper he was called to a grocery store to deal with a man who was caught on camera stealing. After the guy left the store he saw my son and started to run. In the process he panicked and tripped and broke his leg. My son took him in and he was caught stealing a package of American Cheese a \$3-4 dollar item. When they emptied his pockets he had more than enough money to pay for the cheese. When asked why did he do such a stupid thing he just shrugged his shoulders and said I don't know. Now he has a broken leg, court fees to pay, a fine to pay. All because of this evil deed.

I see this happening all the time. Some people are poor because they have had some tough breaks in life. Other people are poor because they have made bad decisions and brought it upon themselves.

Jesus was money poor but virtue rich. Rich men came to him for help. Our Lord never suffered as an evil doer. He also knew how to avoid getting involved in other people business. In other words he was not a busybody in other men's matters.

Did you ever think that a BUSYBODY is an evildoer?

Luke 12:13 And one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me.

Luke 12:14 And he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you?

Why did the Lord avoid this controversy? He did so because he had wisdom. Sometimes we suffer because we get involved with things that are none of our business. In other words he avoided being a busybody!

Look there are only so many minutes in an hour.

There are only so many hours in the day.

So many days in the week, etc..

Notice what the Bible warns about.

DON'T BE A BUSY BODY IN OTHER MEN'S MATTERS.

Jesus said to this man, WHAT IS THAT TO ME? Jesus stayed focused on His mission in life and did not get involved in things that were a waste of time. I can't help but think that we have

this recorded, but there were many other times that are not recorded where Jesus wisely avoided getting involved in matters that were a waste of time.

I like this verse,

Luke 4:30 But he passing through the midst of them went his way,

In other words, sometimes when people were contentious Jesus just avoided them and passed on by through the midst of them.

Sometimes in this life that is what you have to do. Just pass on by through the midst of them. Avoid them. Don't get involved. Don't take the dog by the ears. DON'T BE A BUSYBODY IN OTHER MEN'S MATTERS.

Proverbs 26:17 He that passeth by, and meddleth with strife belonging not to him, is like one that taketh a dog by the ears.

DON'T BUSY YOURSELF IN OTHER MEN'S MATTERS.

Some advice:

1. Know your purpose in life.

Do you want to know how I have been able to be at the Elkdale Baptist Church for over 35 years now? Here is the secret it is very simple.

I am a Christian: most important of all is my relationship with God. If that goes everything goes. I need to put God first in all things. By His grace I need to maintain my relationship with Him above all. But in this life He has given me a job to do while I am in the flesh. That missions is as follows.

I have a family: I try to take care of that.

I Pastor a church: I try to take care of that.

I have a business: I try to take care of that.

That is all I do that is all I focus in on.

I have a policy, If it works don't try to fix it, if it is broke by God's Grace pray and work to fix it. Avoid things that do not revolve around these three things.

I am not perfect, but I have found when I stray out of my backyard, so to speak, I have setbacks. Believe me I have had some setbacks.

These setbacks usually come when people prey on you. These are time wasters in your life. Just like this fellow who said to our Lord. SPEAK TO MY BROTHER. It looks good. It looks like something you need to get involved with. Usually it is a solicitation to sidetrack you and get you busy with things that will hinder you.

Look, I can tell you that if you want to live a fruitful and productive life you need to follow the formula that I have found to work now for 35 years. First of all make sure your relationship with God is right. Paul puts it this way:

Philippians 2:12 work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

Make sure you are walking in right relationship with the Lord.

Then strengthen your family, it is your mission field. The Bible says as it were in the days of Noah so shall it be in the end times. Who did Noah win?

Then get busy serving the Lord in your local church ministry.

Then shore up your finances because one of the greatest hinderances to a happy family and serving the Lord is financial bondage.

I think these will keep you busy, and mark it down, there will be those who will try and steer you astray from these. If it works don't change it. if it is broke by the grace of God pray and work to fix it.

2. *Avoid the Busybody temptations of this life.*

I am going to park here for a while because I think ever Christian knows that committing murder is evil, and being a thief is evil, but many Christians do not think of being a busybody as being evil!

Jesus wisely avoided getting involved with this man's problems with regards to his inheritance. Why? It was because it would have sidetracked him from His mission in life. He said to him this has nothing to do with me or my mission..

This was a temptation for our Lord to become a busybody, and He being perfect wisely avoided this matter.

allotriepiskopos, al-lot-ree-ep-is'-kop-os; from 245 and 1985;
overseeing others' affairs, i.e. a meddler (spec in Gentile customs):-
busybody in other men's matters.

----- Dictionary Trace -----

allotrios, al-lot'-ree-os; from 243; another's, i.e. not one's own; by
extens. foreign, not akin, hostile:-alien, (an-) other (man's, men's),
strange (-r).

episkopos, ep-is'-kop-os; from 1909 and 4649 (in the sense of 1983); a
superintendent, i.e. Chr. officer in gen. charge of a (or the) church
(lit. or fig.): -bishop, overseer.

The word busybody is made up of two words.

Compoud word.. Allotri - Episkopos..

1.Allotrios.. means that which does not pertain to you, not your own, foreign, not akin, outside
of your territory, so to speak.

2. Episkopos: means to be an overseer, superintendent, in charge of.

When you stray from your territory, your backyard, so to speak, you get onto dangerous ground. Don't fall for it.

By the way, this is the danger of Social Media. Everybody is getting involved with everyone else's business. It is busybody overload! Somethings you don't need to know about, and something you don't need to get involved in. You have enough to deal with with your own family and life.

Let me give you the formula for success.

- 1. YOUR PERSONAL SPIRITUAL LIFE:** stay close to the Lord above all. Let nothing get between you and the Lord. The word of God, prayer, meditation. These are what keep you close to the Lord. Anything that takes you from these is invasive and dangerous.
- 2. YOUR FAMILY:** You have one wife, one husband, you need no other. If the marriage goes the whole family is hurt. It is not healthy for a man to be spending time with other women besides his wife, nor the wife with other men. A great divider of the children from the parents is other friends and activities outside of the home.
- 3. YOUR CHURCH:** There are lot of churches, but there needs to be one church that is your church. This is the healthy way for a Christian to serve the Lord. I understand that missionaries many times have to visit lots of Churches but that is not your mission. I Pastor one church and that is enough for me. You should attend one church and that should be enough for you.
- 4. YOUR BUSINESS:** Find a vocation that you are good and stick to it. How do you know that you have the right job. If it hinders your spiritual life it is the wrong job. If it hurts your family it is the wrong job. If it conflicts with your church it is the wrong job. **THESE ARE MORE IMPORTANT.**

I am going to broaden the concept of a busybody. The concept of the meaning of the words is the idea of getting outside of your territory. The Bible says, the sin of the fallen angels was this:

Jude 1:6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

The abandoned their first estate. In other words, they were not content with their placement. They got out of line. They crossed the line. Safety is to be content where God placed you in this life. Safety is knowing your mission in life and sticking to it. You will hurt yourself when you get out of that safety zone. Find it, get in it, and stay in it.

Don't busy yourself in matters that will hinder you in your mission in life.

Jesus said,

Mark 8:36 For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

Secure your soul.

I would say what does it profit a man if he lose his wife.
What does it profit a man if he lose his children.
What does it profit a man if he lose his church ministry.

Get a job that is profitable for these. I would not take a job that distracts me from these, and if I had a job that was distracting me from the more profitable things in life. I would pray and ask God to give me something else.

Any business can get out of control if you do not keep the priorities I mentioned in line.

I worked for a fellow while we were in Bible college that had a chain of Jewelry stores in malls. When I started with him he only had about 6-7 stores. He started to expand to 15, 20 stores. Whenever he opened a new store it took him away from his wife. He would have to stay in a motel as he opened other stores. When he traveled his regional managers often had to travel with him. These managers often were woman. Soon I heard that he was divorcing his wife. He started having an affair with one of the regional managers. What profit was there in opening all these stores and losing his wife? He violated the principle I shared. He was busying himself with another woman besides his wife. He strayed from his territory. He left his first estate, that is his wife.

This is the formula. When we suffer in this life for our own evil deeds we are not following in the footsteps of our Lord.

III. WE SHOULD FOLLOW IN HIS FOOTSTEPS: HE WAS PATIENT WHEN HE SUFFERED WRONGFULLY,

I Peter 2:20 For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.

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The Bible says, that if you do wrong and be chastened, or buffeted, smitten. You should accept the punishment with patience. This is expected.

But if you do right and be buffeted for it and take it with patience now you are acting like Jesus.

One of the great mistakes we make in this life is to think that when you do right everything is going to go well for you in this life. This is not always the case. Sometimes you do right and suffer for it.

Look at Jeremiah, he obeyed the Lord and wound up in prison. Job was accused of serving the Lord for the wrong motives and suffered for it. On and on we can go.

Most of the time we suffer for our witness. As we mentioned before the greek word witness is the word MARTUS, from which we get the word Martyr.

When a person gets saved you would think everyone would be happy for them. This is not the case at all. often they are maligned, made fun of, family may reject them.

What did Paul say when the Lord warned him of his rejection:

Acts 22:17 And it came to pass, that, when I was come again to Jerusalem, even while I prayed in the temple, I was in a trance;

Acts 22:18 And saw him saying unto me, Make haste, and get thee quickly out of Jerusalem: for they will not receive thy testimony concerning me.

Acts 22:19 And I said, Lord, they know that I imprisoned and beat in every synagogue them that believed on thee:

Acts 22:20 And when the blood of thy martyr Stephen was shed, I also was standing by, and consenting unto his death, and kept the raiment of them that slew him.

Acts 22:21 And he said unto me, Depart: for I will send thee far hence unto the Gentiles.

It is in fact supernatural how people reject those who receive him.

I noticed with Peter Accardi how when I was in clubs that we played in how they made light of his salvation. I thought to myself back then if he had been doing anything else they would have showed more tolerance. What evil was he doing? I knew the way he lived before he was saved, and now he is studying the Bible and no longer smoking pot, doing drugs, and living a moral life and now he is crazy.

I Peter 4:3 For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries:

I Peter 4:4 Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you:

I Peter 4:5 Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead.

Don't be surprised if the world rejects you when you receive Christ.

Jesus said,

John 15:18 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.

I John 3:13 Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.

IV. WE SHOULD FOLLOW IN HIS FOOTSTEPS IN OTHER AREAS OF HIS LIFE:

1. WE NEED TO FOLLOW HIS EXAMPLE WITH DEALING WITH SINNERS

Peter mentions that he was an example to us in the area of suffering.

But He was also an example in many other areas of his life. We can learn many things in the way He dealt with people.

A. With the woman at the well,

He said to her go call your husband. To introduce to her the fact she was living in sin.

B. With woman taken in adultery notice how he dealt with her.

John 8:10 When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?

John 8:11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.

We need to be careful we do not become an accuser. It is Satan that accuses people. Jesus came not into the world to condemn the world but to save people.

The people our Lord was hardest on were the leaders. The ones who were leading people astray He had no tolerance for. He rebuked the Pharisees, He turned over the tables of the money changers. Why? They were a disgrace to the sanctification of the temple. They were causing an offence and repelling people from worshipping the Lord.

C. Even the way our Lord dealt with Judas Iscariot Showed His restraint.

Luke 22:47 And while he yet spake, behold a multitude, and he that was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them, and drew near unto Jesus to kiss him.

Luke 22:48 But Jesus said unto him, Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss?

He called him friend. You and I would have asked Peter where his sword was.

2. We should follow in His steps for reaching people and Witnessing.

A. Jesus' Backed Up His Message With Good Works.

Matthew 11:4 Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see:

Matthew 11:5 The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

Matthew 11:6 And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.

Jesus authenticated His message with His works.

Take the man who was born blind.

John 9:35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God?

John 9:36 He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him?

John 9:37 And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee.

John 9:38 And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.

John 9:39 And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind.

John 9:40 And some of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also?

John 9:41 Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth.

Notice after Jesus opened his eyes the man was ready to receive the Lord.

There is a difference in the way we present the gospel today. We have no good work to present. Because we are good for nothing our message appears to others as good for nothing.

Peter said,

Acts 3:6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

Acts 3:7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

Acts 3:8 And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

Our problem is we do not share what we have. Maybe we cannot heal but we have other good works that we can do for others.

There are people that need comfort, encouragement, a helping hand.

One day it came to me that you look at the long lines of people at the doctors office, the local vehicle mechanic who does not lack for business, the hospitals have long lines of people who wait and wait. Why? People need what they have to offer.

What do we have? Unless people perceive there is something that we have that they need they will not want what we have to offer.

B. The Woman At The Well Was an Example of our Lord's Soul Winning:

John 4:10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

John 4:11 The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?

John 4:12 Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?

John 4:13 Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:

John 4:14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

John 4:15 The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.

John 4:16 Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither.

John 4:17 The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband:

John 4:18 For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.

John 4:19 The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.

John 4:20 Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.

John 4:21 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.

John 4:22 Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.

John 4:23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

John 4:24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

John 4:25 The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things.

John 4:26 Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.

John 4:27 And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her?

John 4:28 The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men,

John 4:29 Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?

John 4:30 Then they went out of the city, and came unto him.

This woman was thirsty for something and Jesus explained what she lacked.

C. *Different people Jesus dealt with differently.*

a. *Zacchaeus Needed Personal Attention Luke 19:1-10.*

b. *Nicodemus Needed To Understand the New Birth.*

c. *Rich Young Ruler Matthew 19:16-22*

Conclusion:

I Peter 2:21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

Let us follow in His steps. He was the perfect example for us to follow.

Love that old expression, "What would Jesus do?" In these passages we read what Jesus would do, let us follow in His steps.