

# TARGET

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## John 4:4-7 (NIV) THE TIME HAS COME TO TARGET WHERE TO PLANT SEED

<sup>4</sup>Now he had to go through Samaria. <sup>5</sup>So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. <sup>7</sup>When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?"

## Acts 8:1-15 (NIV) JESUS PLANTED A SEED IN SAMARIA THAT PHILIP HARVESTED

On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. <sup>2</sup> Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him. <sup>3</sup> But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison. <sup>4</sup> Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went. <sup>5</sup> Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah there. <sup>6</sup> When the crowds heard Philip and saw the signs he performed, they all paid close attention to what he said. <sup>7</sup> For with shrieks, impure spirits came out of many, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. <sup>8</sup> So there was great joy in that city. <sup>9</sup> Now for some time a man named Simon had practiced sorcery in the city and amazed all the people of Samaria. He boasted that he was someone great, <sup>10</sup> and all the people, both high and low, gave him their attention and exclaimed, "This man is rightly called the Great Power of God." <sup>11</sup>They followed him because he had amazed them for a long time with his sorcery. <sup>12</sup> But when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. <sup>13</sup> Simon himself believed and was baptized. And he followed Philip everywhere, astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw. <sup>14</sup> When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. <sup>15</sup> When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit,

## Romans 7:17-20 (MSG) PEOPLE WHO SEEM TO CONTINUOUSLY STRUGGLE IN LIFE

<sup>17-20</sup> But I need something *more*! For if I know the law but still can't keep it, and if the power of sin within me keeps sabotaging my best intentions, I obviously need help! I realize that I don't have what it takes. I can will it, but I can't *do* it. I decide to do good, but I don't *really* do it; I decide not to do bad, but then I do it anyway. My decisions, such as they are, don't result in actions. Something has gone wrong deep within me and gets the better of me every time.

#### 1 John 2:16-18 (NIV) PEOPLE WHO SEEK WORLDLY THINGS FOR HAPPINESS

<sup>16</sup> For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. <sup>17</sup> The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

#### John 8:44 (NIV)

#### PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE IN THE DEVIL'S LIES

<sup>44</sup> You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

## Matthew 25:37-40 (NIV) PEOPLE WHO WE HAVE SHOWED THE LOVE OF JESUS TO

<sup>37</sup> "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? <sup>39</sup> When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' <sup>40</sup> "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

#### Hosea 2:23 (NLT) PEOPLE WHO AREN'T HIS PEOPLE WILL BECOME HIS PEOPLE

<sup>23</sup> At that time I will plant a crop of Israelites and raise them for myself. I will show love to those I called 'Not loved.' And to those I called 'Not my people,' I will say, 'Now you are my people.' And they will reply, 'You are our God!'"

#### WHERE ARE YOU AT TODAY?

#### Hosea 10:12 (NIV) HAVE YOU IDENTIFIED WHAT GROUND YOU WILL TARGET?

<sup>12</sup> Sow righteousness for yourselves, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your unplowed ground; for it is time to seek the Lord, until he comes and showers his righteousness on you

## James 2:24 (ESV) HAS YOUR FAITH BEEN JUSTIFIED BY ACTION?

<sup>24</sup> You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.

## 2 Corinthians 9:10 (ESV) GOD WILL SUPPLY YOU WITH WHAT YOU NEED TO SOW

<sup>10</sup> He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness

## Acts 1:8 (NIV) ARE YOU WILLING TO LEAVE THE SAFETY OF JERUSALEM?

<sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

#### Isaiah 9:4 (TLB) IT'S TIME TO BREAK THE CHAIN THAT KEPT YOU IN JERUSALEM

<sup>4</sup> For God will break the chains that bind his people

#### IN CLOSING

#### 2 Timothy 1:7 (NLT) GOD WILL GIVE YOU WHAT'S NEEDED TO FOLLOW THROUGH!

<sup>7</sup> For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.

#### **ADDITIONAL NOTES:**
