



# “The Del-Haven Vision”

“Without vision, the people perish” (Proverbs 29:18)

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Turning Kids from Crime to Christ

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*“When, therefore, the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John, (2) (though Jesus, Himself, was not baptizing, but His disciples) (3) He left Judea, and departed again into Galilee. (4) And He must needs go through Samaria.” Jn.4:1-4*

John is the only one that relates the evangelistic encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at Jacob’s well. The contextual set up of this event reveals to us some very interesting aspects concerning the sovereignty of God over this event. The first phrase tells us two things. It tells us that Jesus as being “*the Lord*” knew all about His enemies, the Pharisees. Here is another of many references that John makes to the omniscience of Jesus as being the eternal Son of God. Moreover, as God, He knew all about every man...what was in man...who would believe in Him, and who would not...and who would betray Him. He knew all too well His adversaries -- what was going through their minds -- what was being told to them about His ministry, and how they were reacting to that information. Jesus, the Son of God, knew the secret motions of the private counsels of their hearts along with their evil motives and intentions. Yes, even so, Jesus knows us all by heart!

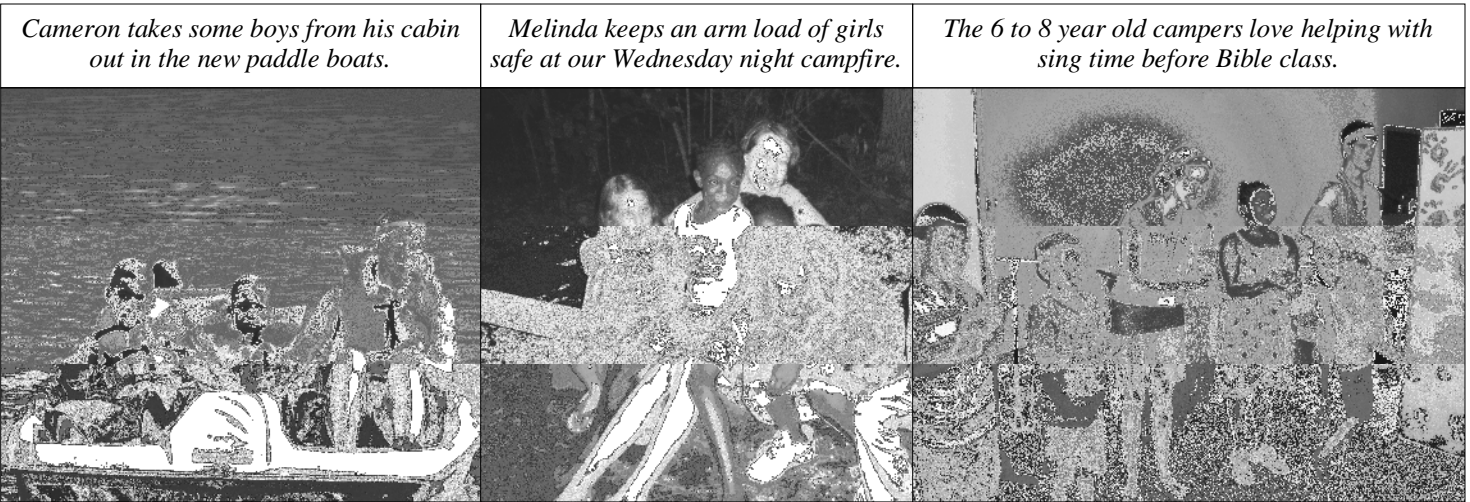
This Jn.4 event is an event that is still early on in the earthly ministry of the Christ of God. Yet we are also told how the Pharisees had heard (and obviously learned) -- not from Him, as the way the gracious ministry of the gospel is said to actually take place [Eph.4:20-21] -- but about Him. They heard that He, i.e. His disciples, had already made and baptized more disciples than John the Baptist! Their authority and control over the masses of Judea was being reduced by the liberating ministry of the gospel. This, no doubt, enraged the wicked and suspicious Pharisees against the Lord Jesus who, in turn, then “*left Judea and departed again into Galilee*”. This shows us how divine providence encompasses the very progress of earthly events. It even has a direct and definite impact on how the ministry of the Son of God will unfold upon the earthly stage of, this, His time of being manifested “*in the flesh*”.

Verse four, however, goes further and reveals to us something even more compelling about the evangelistic ministry of the Lord Jesus. This is manifested in the way it declares: “*And He must needs go through Samaria*”. The manner in which this text is worded tells us that the direction and progress of the events of the ministry of Jesus are unequivocally bound to a greater guiding divine influence than just the unfolding circumstances of providence. There was a divinely pre-set, gospel appointment that Jesus had to keep with the woman at the well and the people of Sychar. The grand result of this encounter reveals to us that Jesus is, indeed, destined to be “*the Savior of the world*” [Jn.4:42] -- i.e. of all nationalities!

Beloved, as it was with the ministry of our Great Example, even so it is with us. We trust Him and follow Him [1Pe.2:21] through all that He has appointed for us to do.

*For Christ's glory only!*  
A. Carpenter

We have completed the first two summer camp sessions with four more left to go through the month of July. The first session, 6 to 8 year old boys and girls, was well-staffed with young people from Red Bridge Baptist Church. Not a single camper was absent of attention or care during the week. Our second session, 9 to 12 year old girls, was a wonderful week. It was very hot with temperatures in the high 90's and high humidity, but we stayed cool enough in the shade of the trees and in the swimming pool, of course. One of the highlights of the girl's session was listening to the girls sing. They seemed to enjoy each song that we sang and will go home clinging to the lyrics of songs such as: *The Lily of the Valley* (our theme song for the summer), *Washed in the Blood*, and *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* to name a few of the more requested songs from the girls. Please pray for the campers who have attended camp so far that they will not be forgetful hearers of God's Word but will be good ground where the seed of God's Word has been planted and will bear fruit in their young lives.



*Please be in prayer and rejoice with us as God provides for the payoff of the lake renovations and water lines that were completed this year.*

### Special Thanks

We would like to offer a special thank you to First Baptist Church of Oak Grove for their donation towards purchasing lifejackets for our swimming pool and lake activities and for donating paper goods, cleaning supplies, and craft items.

In addition, we would like to thank Piper Bible Church for their annual VBS food drive for Camp Del-Haven. Our pantries are once again stuffed with canned food items to assist in meal preparations for our camp sessions. May the Lord bless each of you for your generous gifts.

As always, we thank the Lord for all who continue to lift us up in prayer and support us with continual giving as the Lord directs to help support the ministry of reaching youth with the truth of God's Word.

### Prayer Requests

- Effectual hearing of God's Word that converts the soul.
- Safety for campers and staff as we transport campers from the city and conduct camp activities on the campground.
- Up keep and maintenance of camp vehicles and buildings.
- Ongoing financial needs to support the ministry.
- Meeting the financial obligation to pay off the indebtedness occurred while replacing water lines and renovating the lake.

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***“Blessed is he whom thou chooseth and causeth to approach unto thee.” Ps. 65:4***