

The Fields Are Already Ripe...

Message 6: [*I am with you always series*](#)

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Anchor Verse

John 4:35 (NLT)

"You know the saying, 'Four months between planting and harvest.' But I say, **wake up and look around. The fields are already ripe for harvest!**"

I. INTRODUCTION: GOD'S SURPRISING HARVEST

When I once tried to discuss the Gospel of Jesus with my sister's son—a bright young "mad scientist" as he jokingly calls himself—he told me that his dream was to build bombs and weapons.

I thought to myself, *"This one's not ready yet."*

But still, I shared a little about salvation with him and quietly added his name to what I call my **Salvation List**—a personal list of people I want to see in heaven with me.

I didn't preach a sermon. I didn't argue or debate.

But God heard my simple prayer.

And less than a year later, that same young man was **baptized**.

It reminded me of what Jesus said in Luke 13:29–30:

"People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last."

In other words: **we shall be surprised**.

Some we think are too hardened or too far off... may be the very ones already **ripe for harvest**.

Friend, I've learned something:

The harvest doesn't always look like a church crowd.

It might look like a teenager with strange dreams.

It might look like someone you gave up on long ago.

Jesus says,

"Lift up your eyes... the fields are already ripe."

We cannot always tell who God has prepared.
We can only **be faithful**.

**And I realized... God is working on hearts long before we ever speak.
Sometimes, all He needs from us is one seed—and one prayer.**

II. THE URGENCY OF THE HARVEST

The message of Jesus indicates a certain urgency. Let's speak through it.

Jesus Corrects Their Calendar

"Four months and then the harvest..."

That was the farmer's normal schedule. Predictable. Seasonal.
But Jesus upends it. He says:

"Not later. Now."

We keep saying:

- "Once I have more time, I'll serve."
- "When I'm more financially stable, I'll give."
- "When I'm more confident, I'll speak."

But Jesus says:

Wake up. Look around. It's already time.

The Ripe Field is Not Always Where You Expect

Jesus spoke these words—"The fields are already ripe for harvest"—while sitting in **Samaria**, of all places.

He had just finished speaking to a Samaritan woman at a well—a woman with five former husbands and a current partner who wasn't her husband.

She ran off to tell her town about this man who "told her everything she ever did."
And as the people began streaming out toward Him, Jesus turned to His disciples and said:

"Lift up your eyes... the fields are already ripe for harvest." (John 4:35)

In other words:

"Look! You think this place is spiritually barren, but I'm telling you: revival is walking toward us right now."

The disciples didn't expect anything from Samaria.
But Jesus did.

Friend, *where are the Samaritan fields in your life?*

- Places you avoid?
- People you've written off?
- Situations you assume are "not ready"?

You may be **standing in the middle of a ripe field**... and not even know it.

III. THREE THINGS THE HARVEST REQUIRES

The First thing the harvest needs is #1. Open Eyes

"Lift up your eyes..."

We must move from *tunnel vision* to *Kingdom vision*.

Stop looking only at your bank balance, your inbox, your routine.

Start looking at *people*.

Every face you see—on the subway, at the office, on your social feed—is a soul.

Many are **searching**.

Many are **ready**.

Some are **on the edge of eternity**.

The second thing the harvest needs is #2. Available Feet

"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" — *Romans 10:15*

Let me tell you something that happened to me:

A colleague of mine once received a letter from me explaining salvation.

We later agreed to meet—not in a church—but right in the middle of a public square in Jersey, where I lived.

I asked him plainly:

"Would you like to be saved?"

He said, "Yes."

"Would you like me to lead you in a prayer?"

He said, "Yes." I was surprised! The Lord had already prepared him!

And there, in the middle of the square—people walking by —**two men sat on a bench and prayed**.

One leading. One receiving the greatest gift of all.

I didn't have a microphone. I didn't have a ministry banner.

Just feet willing to go.

And a heart willing to speak.

You don't need a stage. You need obedience.

The Third thing the harvest needs is #3. Faithful Hands

Harvest requires **labor**.

It's not glamorous—it's sweaty, patient, uncelebrated work.

But Psalm 126:5 says,

"Those who sow in tears will reap with shouts of joy."

It's not the most eloquent who reap—it's the most **consistent**.

It's not the one who shouts the loudest—but the one who **stays** in the field.

IV. YOU ARE A WORKER IN THIS FIELD

Don't say, "Lord, send someone else."

Say, like the prophet Isaiah:

"Here I am. **Send me.**" — *Isaiah 6:8*

You are not too young.

You are not too old.

You are not too damaged.

You are not too busy.

You are a **harvester**.

And the field is **ready**.

What God is looking for is not spiritual superstars—

He is looking for those with the right **posture** of heart:

- Willing.
- Available.
- Obedient.

He supplies the strength.

He opens the doors.

He walks with you in the field.

All He needs is someone who says, "**Here I am.**"

V. THE LAST MINUTE WORKERS

In Matthew 20, the master hires workers for his vineyard all day long—even up to the **eleventh hour**.

And he pays them all generously.

Why?

Because what matters is not how long you've been in the field—but that you **show up** when you're called.

Beloved, it is **the eleventh hour**.

Nations are shaking.

Hearts are open.

Eternity is near.

Will you go?

VI. HE IS WITH YOU IN THE FIELD

Jesus didn't just say "Go."

He also said in our message of the season:

"I am with you always... even to the end of the age." — *Matthew 28:20*

You're not harvesting alone.

The **Lord of the harvest walks beside you**.

So stand up.

Speak boldly.

Sow faithfully.

Harvest joyfully.

Because **the fields are already ripe**.

SALVATION PRAYER

If you've been listening to this and you feel a stirring in your heart—maybe it's time for *your* soul to be harvested for heaven.

You don't have to fix yourself first.

You don't need to have all the answers.

You just need to believe that Jesus died for your sins and rose again to give you eternal life.

And if you've heard Him whispering to your heart through this message—if you've felt Him saying, "Now is your time"—then respond with this simple prayer:

Lord Jesus,

I believe that You died for my sins and rose again.

I know I cannot save myself.

But today, I choose to believe in You. Let me be part of your harvest today Lord.

Please forgive me, wash me, and make me new.

I surrender my heart, my life, my future—into Your hands.

From this moment forward, I belong to You.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

 **If you prayed that prayer, I'd love to know.**

Reach out. Let someone know.

Because every soul matters—and you are not meant to walk this journey alone.

The angels in heaven rejoice—and so do we.

The harvest continues... and today, **you** were part of it.

Write to me. Share your testimony: dwasake@shaweleroad.com

Even now come, Lord Jesus. Maranatha. Amen.