

John 4:41

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And many more believed because of his own word;

Analysis

The phrase 'many more believed because of his own word' shows progression from secondhand testimony to personal encounter with Christ. Ultimate faith rests not on human testimony but on Christ's self-revelation. This pattern—testimony leads to investigation, investigation to personal faith—models healthy evangelism.

Historical Context

John's Gospel consistently emphasizes believing based on Jesus' own words and works (2:22, 4:50, 5:47, 8:31). The Samaritans' progression from the woman's testimony to Christ's word demonstrates genuine conversion.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How do we move from faith based on others' testimonies to personal conviction through Christ's word?
2. What is the relationship between human witness and divine revelation in coming to faith?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	πολλῶ	πλείους	ἐπίστευσαν	διὰ	τὸν	λόγον	αὐτοῦ
And	many	more	believed	because	G3588	word	of his own
G2532	G4183	G4119	G4100	G1223		G3056	G846

Additional Cross-References

Acts 1:8 (Parallel theme): 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.

Acts 8:12 (Faith): But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

Acts 8:25 (Word): And they, when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and preached the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans.

John 6:63 (Word): It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

Hebrews 4:13 (Parallel theme): Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

Acts 15:3 (Parallel theme): And being brought on their way by the church, they passed through Phenice and Samaria, declaring the conversion of the Gentiles: and they caused great joy unto all the brethren.

John 7:46 (Parallel theme): The officers answered, Never man spake like this man.

Genesis 49:10 (Word): The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.

Luke 4:32 (Word): And they were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power.

