

The A-Team: Because there is No Plan B
John 4:34-38

"My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. Even now the reaper draws his wages, even now he harvests the crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. Thus the saying 'One sows and another reaps' is true. I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor."

I. The A-Team elevates Christ plans. (V.34)

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1. We must have a hunger to serve the Lord. (V.34a)

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2. We must have a commitment to the will of God. (V.34b)

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3. We must have a focus on the finish line. (V.34c)

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II. The A-Team enjoys Christ promises. (V.35-36)

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1. God promises that the workers will be busy. (V.35)

Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and **look at the fields!** They are ripe for harvest.

2. God promises that the workers will be paid. (V.36a)

Even now the reaper **draws his wages**, even now he harvests *the crop for eternal life*,

3. God promises that the workers will be glad.

so that the sower and the reaper **may be glad together**.

III. The A-Team employs God's principles. (V.37-38)

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1. Principle One: There is a **process** involved that may not be evident. (V.37)

Thus the saying 'One sows and another reaps' is true.

2. Principle Two: There are **people** involved you may never engage. (v.38a)

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3. Principle Three: There is **progress** you may never experience. (V.38b)

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God provides us with tools to

Spiritual gifts

Experiences

Relational style

Vocational skills

Enthusiasm

Him