

JESUS AND THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

The Chosen Part 3 of 5

John 4: 1- 42

"Jesus knew the Pharisees had heard that He was baptizing and making more disciples than John (though Jesus Himself didn't baptize them—His disciples did). So He left Judea and returned to Galilee. He had to go through Samaria on the way. Eventually He came to the Samaritan village of Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there; and Jesus, tired from the long walk, sat wearily beside the well about noontime. Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water..." John 4:1-7 (NLT)

LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE LIFE OF CHRIST:

1. We must intentionally break through any and every _____ to share the Gospel of Christ.

...Jesus said to her, "Please give me a drink." ...The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. John 4:7 & 9 (NLT)

She said to Jesus, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?" John 4:9 (NLT)

Jesus replied, "If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water." John 4:10 (NLT)

"But sir, you don't have a rope or a bucket," she said, "and this well is very deep. Where would you get this living water? And besides, do you think you're greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us this well? How can you offer better water than he and his sons and his animals enjoyed?" John 4:11-12 (NLT)

Jesus replied, "Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life." John 4:13-14 (NLT)

"Please, sir," the woman said, "give me this water! Then I'll never be thirsty again, and I won't have to come here to get water." John 4:15 (NLT)

2. Grace, not _____ draws people to Jesus Christ.

"Go and get your husband," Jesus told her. "I don't have a husband," the woman replied. Jesus said, "You're right! You don't have a husband— for you have had five husbands, and you aren't even married to the man you're living with now. You certainly spoke the truth!" John 4:16-18 (NLT)

3. Honesty, with _____ and with God is a prerequisite to an authentic relationship with Jesus Christ.

"...You certainly spoke the truth!" John 4:18 (NLT)

"The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth." Psalm 145:18 (NIV)

The woman said, "I know the Messiah is coming—the one who is called Christ. When He comes, He will explain everything to us." Then Jesus told her, "I am the Messiah!" John 4:25-26 (NLT)

4. Her story shows us that you don't have to _____ to influence someone else toward Jesus.

The woman left her water jar beside the well and ran back to the village, telling everyone, "Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could He possibly be the Messiah?" So the people came streaming from the village to see Him. John 4:28-30 (NLT)

Many Samaritans from the village believed in Jesus because the woman had said, "He told me everything I ever did!" When they came out to see Him, they begged Him to stay in their village. So He stayed for two days, long enough for many more to hear His message and believe. Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not just because of what you told us, but because we have heard Him ourselves. Now we know that He is indeed the Savior of the world." John 4:39-42 (NLT)