

Women's Bible Study – Winter/Spring 2018
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Jesus and the Woman of Samaria

4 Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John 2 (although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples), 3 he left Judea and departed again for Galilee. 4 And he had to pass through Samaria. 5 So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.[a]

7 A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." 8 (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) 9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) 10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." 11 The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? 12 Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." 13 Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again.[b] The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." 15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

16 Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." 17 The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." 19 The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." 21 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. 22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." 25 The woman

said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." 26 Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

27 Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?"

28 So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, 29 "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" 30 They went out of the town and were coming to him.

31 Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." 32 But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." 33 So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him something to eat?" 34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. 35 Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. 36 Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. 37 For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' 38 I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

39 Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." 40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. 41 And many more believed because of his word. 42 They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

Jail stories of John 4 and how the women were affected by Jesus.

1. Come in strutting and being hard.
2. Attitudes would change and soften.
3. Their encounter with Jesus would be significant.
4. They could relate to this woman. They haven't had 5 husbands!! Habitual sin is a problem for us all.
5. They have not experienced that kind of acceptance from religious authority.

Who is Jesus in this story?

1. **The Obeyer of his Father.** Vs. 4. **Had to.** Did not want too much attention to himself. He obviously did have a choice but His choice was to do the will of His father.

Phil. 2:8. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Eliana learning obedience. Jesus also learned and **became**.

Romans 5:19. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

2. The Culture Crasher

- a. Woman
- b. Adulteress
- C. Samaria

Noon was hot. Time to avoid others. Jews refused to take this route from Judea to Galilee. They took a route that was twice as long because of their hostility towards the Samaritans. 'This dated back to the time when the Assyrians had settled non-Jews into this area. They were viewed as second class citizens.

The Good Samaritan as an example of a culture crasher.

Do we show love to the people in our life that are similar to the Samaritans? The woman covered in tats, the women who are single moms with several children and several fathers, the woman who wears a hijab, the women who smell of cigarette smoke? Are we willing to meet them at their well?

3. **The Confronter.** What does Jesus do first? He asks her for water. He does not come in and try to "save" her. We are not the answer just because we have money. Jesus is the answer. Reveals her past. Her secrets.

Did it to the disciples when they were arguing about who was the greatest. **Luke 9:47 says Jesus knew the reasoning in their hearts.** He does the same with Martha, Peter, and Paul.

Several years ago I was in disobedience knowingly. All to Jesus I surrender came on radio.

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I will ever love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live.

I surrender all,
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All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
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4. **The Teacher.** Thoughts on worship.

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The Samaritans had their own version of the Bible, their own temple, their own doctrine.

Matthew 4:23, Matt. 5:2, Matt 7:29, Mark 6:34, etc. all say he was a teacher.

We are all taught individually and uniquely. Maybe he teaches you through the word, circumstances, creation, others? Last week I was sitting in my chair, with coffee and a warm wrap. Phil was in eastern Africa.....would I trade it all for Jesus?

5. **The Revealer.** ***Vs. 26 I who speak to you am he.***

Jesus shows us more of himself. Sometimes it might be about his grace, or his mercy, or his love, or his holiness.

In Alaska he showed me truths about my years of depression and how he has kept me through it.

6. **The Follower of priorities.** Used another object to make an illustration. First water, then food.

The disciples want him to eat and he just doesn't want any of it.

Vs. 34. My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work.

Jesus saw the need for salvation right then and wanted his disciples to learn what truly is important.

The result in this encounter was that a town came to know about Jesus and many followed him. We don't know what happened to the woman, but we can see how Jesus comes into our lives to change us. May we all be like this woman and follow him.

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