



# AUTHENTIC SPIRITUAL AWAKENING

- REVIVAL STARTS ONE HEART AT A TIME!
  - PART 6
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## HOW CAN I BE PART OF STARTING A REVIVAL?

**John 4:1** Jesus knew the Pharisees had heard that he was baptizing and making more disciples than John **2** (though Jesus himself didn't baptize them—his disciples did). **3** So he left Judea and returned to Galilee.

**4** He had to go through Samaria on the way. **5** Eventually he came to the Samaritan village of Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. **6** Jacob's well was there; and Jesus, tired from the long walk, sat wearily beside the well about noontime. **7** Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Please give me a drink." **8** He was alone at the time because his disciples had gone into the village to buy some food.

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**9** The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, “You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?”

**10** 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.”

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**John 4:11** “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? **12** 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?”

**13** Jesus replied, “Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. **14** 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.”

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**15** “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.”

**16** “Go and get your husband,” Jesus told her.

**17** “I don’t have a husband,” the woman replied.

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Jesus said, “You’re right! You don’t have a husband—**18** 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!”

**19** “Sir,” the woman said, “you must be a prophet. **20** So tell me, why is it that you Jews insist that Jerusalem is the only place of worship, while we Samaritans claim it is here at Mount Gerizim, where our ancestors worshiped?”

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**21** Jesus replied, “Believe me, dear woman, the time is coming when it will no longer matter whether you worship the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem. **22** You Samaritans know very little about the one you worship, while we Jews know all about him, for salvation comes through the Jews. **23** But the time is coming—indeed it’s here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way. **24** For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.”

**25** The woman said, “I know the Messiah is coming—the one who is called Christ. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”

**26** Then Jesus told her, “I AM the Messiah!” – NLT 2

## SEVEN KEY DYNAMICS TO THIS STORY AND HOW IT RELATES TO REVIVAL AND AWAKENING

1. Jesus' humility and willingness to ask for help opens the door
2. Some of the best moments in ministry come when we are simply available with no particular agenda!
3. Jesus demolishes every cultural and bad religious reason for not talking to this woman
4. Jesus offers the water of life to her freely with no judgment
5. Jesus addresses the obstacle of sin & The wound of her heart
6. One person's changed heart can lead to the transformation of a family, a village, a city!
7. Don't deceive yourself and say people aren't open to hear – The Harvest is NOW!



## THE HARVEST IS NOW!

**34** Then Jesus explained: “My nourishment comes from doing the will of God, who sent me, and from finishing his work. **35** 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. **36** The harvesters are paid good wages, and the fruit they harvest is people brought to eternal life. What joy awaits both the planter and the harvester alike! **37** You know the saying, ‘One plants and another harvests.’ And it’s true. **38** I sent you to harvest where you didn’t plant; others had already done the work, and now you will get to gather the harvest.” – NLT 2

# PRAYER & DISCUSSION

- Question: How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the Word in John 4 today?
- Prayer: Pray that God will teach us to be open to share the Gospel around us. To see people as He sees them. To have spiritual “radar” like Jesus!