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*John 4:1-15*

### INTRODUCTION

A recent viral song by Metroboomin repeats the catchy phrase, “take me through there.” While the song has many interpretations, the preacher in me finds inspiration in the posture it suggests: a bold and courageous refusal to be defeated by life’s circumstances. It is a declaration that you are willing to take on whatever comes, believing victory is on the other side. This mindset brings to mind a powerful moment in Scripture.

When Jesus learned that his enemies were stirring up trouble, he knew he had to get from Judea to Galilee quickly. The most direct route was through Samaria, a place of deep racial, theological, and cultural hostility for Jews. For generations, the inherited logic was to avoid Samaria at all costs. But Jesus chose a different path. He refused the map of avoidance and decided to go right through it, teaching us that the Kingdom of God is not built by sidestepping our problems, but by courageously facing them.

### KEY POINTS

#### **1. Tough Times Help Break Spiritual Strongholds**

For 700 years, a bitter feud separated Jews and Samaritans. This division was a stronghold of racial bigotry, religious intolerance, and cultural prejudice passed down through generations. By choosing to go through Samaria, Jesus intentionally confronted and broke this cycle. He modeled that living for God means we must challenge the societal and cultural limitations that seek to constrain us. Following Christ calls us to dismantle the inherited biases and prejudices that have no place in the Kingdom of God. We are called to stop carrying other people’s baggage and refuse to live within the world’s unjust boundaries.

#### **2. Sometimes You Have to Go Through There by Yourself**

The text notes that when Jesus sat by the well in Samaria, his disciples were away buying food. He confronted this societal stronghold alone. This detail is not accidental; it is instructional. There are moments when God removes people from our lives not as punishment, but as preparation. This season of isolation is for formation, not abandonment. Loneliness is the ache of disconnection, but solitude is the discipline of being present with God. In solitude, we find the clarity needed for our next assignment. God was preparing Jesus for a divine appointment that his disciples, still shaped by the world’s logic, would not have understood. We must find the courage to move on God’s call without waiting for the validation of others.

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### 3. We Go Through Hardship to Reach Our Destiny

Jesus had to go through Samaria because a divine appointment was waiting for him. A Samaritan woman, ostracized by her community and victimized by an unjust patriarchal system, was in need of the living water only he could offer. Had Jesus avoided this place of tension, she would have never been reached. Her liberation, and the subsequent faith of her entire village, was on the other side of his difficult journey. Sometimes, the path God puts us on is not about us, but about someone else's breakthrough. Jesus humanized this woman, dignified her voice, and made a preacher out of the very person the world tried to silence.

The goal of a faith-filled life is not to avoid tension but to develop the strength to endure it. Jesus shows us that you cannot heal what you do not deal with. You cannot grow by constantly going around your problems. Growth happens when you can pray, "Lord, strengthen me *through* it." The most powerful word in this story is the preposition "through." God is not just the God of the destination; He is the God of the passage. The psalmist wrote, "Yea, though I walk *through* the valley of the shadow of death." He did not go *to* the valley to stay; he walked *through* it.

This season you are in did not come to stay; it came to pass. You are not going *to* divorce; you are going *through* divorce. You are not going *to* a layoff; you are going *through* a layoff. This is the story of our survival and our strength. It is a posture that declares we are not merely victims of our circumstances but are overcomers who can face hardship with our heads held high. God will take you through trials, troubles, and pain to transform not only your life but the lives of others. When you come through, you owe God a thank you. Real praise is not just about what you received, but about what you escaped.

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### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is a “Samaria” in your life right now, a difficult conversation, painful truth, or challenging situation that you have been avoiding? What is one step you can take this week to find the courage to go “through” it?
2. Reflect on a season of isolation in your life. How might God have been using that time not to abandon you, but to form and prepare you for what was next?
3. In what ways could your current struggles be positioning you to become a source of breakthrough, hope, or liberation for someone else in your community?

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