

“Welcome to Your Mission Field”

John 4

3 So Jesus left Judea and went back once more to Galilee.

4 Now he had to go through Samaria. 5 So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

7 When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?” 8 (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) 9 The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

10 Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.”

11 “Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? 12 Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?”

13 Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

15 The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.”

16 He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.”

17 “I have no husband,” she replied.

Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband.

18 The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.”

19 “Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. 20 Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”

21 “Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22 You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews.

23 Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. 24 God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

25 The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”

26 Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”

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28 Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, 29 “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?” 30 They came out of the town and made their way toward him.

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39 Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I ever did.” 40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. 41 And because of his words many more became believers.

John 4 - The Greatest of Evangelism

1. Jesus goes to the unreached...
2. Jesus associate with the least likely...
3. Jesus is the living water for thirsty humanity...
4. He reveals sin and our need for a savior... "The fact is, you have had five husbands"
5. He calls us into true worship; worshipping the father in Spirit and Truth...
6. There is Revelation of who Jesus is - The “I Am”

5 Disciplines of a Real Missionary

Pray

Live

Tell

Serve

Give

1. Pray

May we begin with Prayer

I love the saying “Don’t preach to them until you have first wept over them in prayer...”

- Your preaching is different when it’s bathed in prayer...
- The tone of your voice is different when you’ve prayed...
- Your eyes look different when you have prayed...

God will turn you into a powerful Soul Winner if you will allow your heart to be broken before God for the lost...

Story:

Steve Hill would stay up all night praying for the lost.

Reinhard Bonnke would declare; “All Africa will be saved”

- You and I rub shoulders with people everyday who need the Love of Jesus...
- There are many who are weary of drawing water from the wells of everyday life...

Story: Andy and Lyzette

People need the Lord...

They desperately need & want the refreshing presence of God in their lives...

Jesus is the living water...

2. Live

1 Peter 2:12

12 Live such good lives among the pagans that though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

Story: Pat Schatzline on the Airplane to Australia.

Vs. 5

‘So Jesus came to a town in Samaria called Sychar,’

Sychar = "drunken"

Drunkenness impairs
your ability to function
your ability to think
your ability to reason

It's interesting, that was right where Jesus went...

Jesus shows up and brings Soberness

Soberness of Heart

Soberness of Conviction

Soberness about Truth

And He offers her something much better, Living Water

Story: Audra prays with drunk man

3. Tell

You are a Doorway to people that God is wanting to reach
There are people that right now maybe only you can reach
People are connected to People

To be an effective Missionary in your World:
You first have to Pray
Then you have to Live
Then you need to Tell

Vs. 28-30

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Notice that she never pretended to be something she wasn’t...
I don’t honestly believe she put on her religious face...
I don’t gather from this passage that she had all the answers...

What she did was a testimony... “He told me everything I ever did.”

In other words, I believe her story went something like this:
God knows about me...
God loves me in spite of my sins and failures...
God took time for me...
He will take time for you...

Because she was willing to experience God and tell others about Him.
She became perhaps one of the first Missionaries in the New Testament.
She was a Doorway for Jesus to touch an entire City.

God wants to use you and I the same way.

First we must:

Pray, then Live, then Tell