

A Testimony of Truth

John 4:1-30





TRUTH

A conformity with fact or reality; exact or accurate formation, position, or adjustment

*Random House Unabridged Dictionary

A piece of brown cardboard with a jagged hole cut through it. To the left of the hole is a rolled-up piece of cardboard, resembling a paper tube. The background is a solid brown color.

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TRUTH

An accurate formation that takes away from my life instead of adding to it.

1. Dealing with people who are different than us:

Race

- Truth: the woman had animosity towards Jewish people (possibly for true, factual reasons) – verse 9
- Jesus responds: if you knew what God had planned for you, you would not let your prejudice stop you from getting this gift. - verse 10



1. Dealing with people who are different than us: Race

- 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? – verse 12
- Jesus confronts the natural with the supernatural – I'm offering you something that even Jacob could not offer. - verses 13,14



2. Dealing with how we handle our personal business: Relationships

- “Please sir, give me this water! Then I’ll never be thirsty again.”
- Jesus replies, “Go and get your husband.”
- “I don’t have a husband” – **failed truth**
- “You’re right! You don’t have a husband—for you have had 5 husbands, and you aren’t even married to the man you’re living with now.” – **Divine truth.**



2. Dealing with how we handle our personal business: Relationships

- Jesus said, “You certainly spoke the truth!”
- **Truth – *alethes* – to be the opposite of hidden (lathano)**
- Be careful that your truth is not rooted in deception and used to mask your pain.



2. Dealing with how we handle our personal business: Relationships

- There is no salvation without confronting and confessing real truth.
- **1 John 1:9** – If we confess our sins...
- **Romans 10:9-11** – If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord...
- **Confess** – *homologeō* – to say the same thing as another; to agree with



3. Dealing with how we handle religious differences: Religion

- In an act of deflection, the woman presents a religious argument regarding where people should worship. – verse 19,20
- **Jesus responds by saying, “A time is coming...”**
- **A season is coming when these things will not matter!**
- **The Father seeks “true” worshipers.**



A Change In Priorities

- I know the messiah is coming—the one who is called Christ. When he comes, he will explain everything to us. Jesus says, “I am the Messiah”.
- She **leaves her water jar** and runs back to the village to **tell her story**:
Come and see a man...”
- This is the Gospel!

