



WEDNESDAY EVENING

AT BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

Title: Through Samaria

Passage: John 4:4

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Introduction: John 4:4 may seem like a simple travel detail, but it reveals a powerful truth. The Bible says, “And he must needs go through Samaria.” Jesus was not merely passing through Samaria on His way to Galilee. He was moving according to divine purpose. There was a woman who needed grace, a city ready to hear the Gospel, and disciples who needed to learn the heart of God. While others avoided Samaria, Jesus saw it as a divine appointment.

I. It was Personal

Jesus was not just interested in crowds, cities, or religious people like Nicodemus. He cared about one overlooked Samaritan woman that others would have avoided.

Jesus personally went after one broken woman, knew everything about her, and still offered her living water.

People may avoid brokenness, but Jesus personally moves toward it.

II. It was Necessary

There was a woman who needed living water, a city ready for harvest, and disciples who needed their vision corrected.

The disciples may have seen Samaria as a place to pass through quickly, but Jesus saw it as a place where God was already working.



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What looked like a detour was actually a divine appointment.

III. It was Uncomfortable

Jesus intentionally entered an uncomfortable place because there was a soul to reach and a harvest to gather.

Jesus crossed social barriers by speaking with a Samaritan woman. He crossed religious barriers by addressing true worship. He crossed personal barriers by lovingly exposing her sin and offering her living water.

Comfort avoids Samaria, but compassion walks through it.

Conclusion: Jesus willingly went through Samaria to reach hurting people, speak the truth, and accomplish the Father's will. If we are going to follow Christ, we must also be willing to go where He leads, even when it is uncomfortable. There are lost people who still need the living water of the Gospel, and there are believers who need grace, forgiveness, encouragement, and restoration. The Kingdom moves forward when God's people stop avoiding Samaria and choose obedience over comfort. Revival begins when we are willing to say, "Lord, I will go where You want me to go."