

***Re-Think ONE***  
***Partnering with God's Divine Love***  
***John 4:1-26***

***If there is ONE ATTRIBUTE about God that Scripture declares hundreds of times it is this...***

***God Loves People!***

***God's Love is...***

***... His Essence***

***1 John 4:8b (ESV) — ... God is love.***

***... Giving***

***John 3:16 (ESV) — For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.***

***... Demonstrated***

***Romans 5:8 (ESV) — But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.***

***... Everlasting***

***Jeremiah 31:3b (ESV) — ... I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.***

***... the believer's overflow***

***1 John 4:19 (ESV) — We love because he first loved us.***

***1 John 4:8 (ESV) — Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.***

***Today we are going to take a little different angle on a very familiar passage...***

***The story of the woman at the well has been a favorite throughout the years...***

***I have preached it here, at jails, and prisons***

***In it we see God's Love for the unlovable...***

***... God's acceptance for the rejected...***

***... God's pursuit for the alienated ...***

***But today we are going to walk through this story from a different perspective...***

***As the body of Jesus here on earth we are representatives of Jesus to a lost and dying world***

***1 John 2:6 (NLT) — Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.***

***So, how do we participate with the Lord as He shares His divine love with people...***

# 1. The Lord **LOOKS** for divine **OPPORTUNITIES**

John 4:1–4 (ESV) — Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John (although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples), he left Judea and departed again for Galilee. And he had to pass through Samaria.

It is interesting that this story of the Samaritan Woman follows on the heels of Jesus and his conversation with Nicodemus

→ Pic 1

**Contrast between Nicodemus and Woman at the Well**

Nicodemus	Woman at the Well

→ Pic 2

**Contrast between Nicodemus and Woman at the Well**

Nicodemus	Woman at the Well
Jewish Man	Samaritan Woman

→ Pic 3

**Contrast between Nicodemus and Woman at the Well**

Nicodemus	Woman at the Well
Jewish Man	Samaritan Woman
Came to Jesus	Jesus came to Her

→ Pic 4

**Contrast between Nicodemus and Woman at the Well**

Nicodemus	Woman at the Well
Jewish Man	Samaritan Woman
Came to Jesus	Jesus came to Her
Came at Night	Met at Noon

→ Pic 5

**Contrast between Nicodemus and Woman at the Well**

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Wealthy	Poor

→ **Pic 6****Contrast between Nicodemus and Woman at the Well**

Nicodemus	Woman at the Well
Jewish Man	Samaritan Woman
Came to Jesus	Jesus came to Her
Came at Night	Met at Noon
Wealthy	Poor
Respected by All	Rejected by All

**John 4:4 (ESV)**

**And he had to pass through Samaria.**

**Jesus didn't have to pass through geographically**

**Even though Samaria was between Jerusalem and Galilee where he was heading, the normal route for Jews was to go AROUND Samaria**

**But he had to pass through Samaria...**

**Think with me if you will...**

- **Early in the morning when the women went to draw water for the day...**

- **She could hear the laughter**
- **She also knew she wasn't welcome**
- **So she went when she knew no one else would be there**

**Early that same morning, as she was feeling the sting of rejection, God the Father met with Jesus...**

**Jesus said in John 5:19, "I only do what I see my Father doing."**

**If we are to minister as Jesus ministered we must open our eyes to SEE PEOPLE**

➤ **WALK with Him**

**Proverbs 16:9 (NLT) — We can make our plans, but the LORD determines our steps.**

➤ **Think ONE is about INTENTIONAL living**

**1. The Lord LOOKS for divine OPPORTUNITIES**

**2. The Lord LEADS us into divine ENCOUNTERS**

**John 4:5–11 (ESV) — So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew,**

ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?”

➤ **LISTEN to Him**

Isaiah 30:21 (ESV) — And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, “This is the way, walk in it,” when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left.

➔ **VIDEO TESTIMONY OF HARPER HOWELL** ←

➤ **I am SOMEONE’S next divine ENCOUNTERS**

1. The Lord **LOOKS** for divine **OPPORTUNITIES**

2. The Lord **LEADS** us into divine **ENCOUNTERS**

3. The Lord **LONGS** for divine **APPOINTMENTS**

John 4:12–15 (ESV) — Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.” Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in

him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.”

➤ **ENGAGE for Him**

Romans 10:13–16 (NLT) — For “Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved.” But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, “How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!” But not everyone welcomes the Good News, for Isaiah the prophet said, “LORD, who has believed our message?”

➤ **A WIN is doing my PART**

I am NOT their Savior, but I am a messenger OF their Savior!

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4. The Lord **LOVES** releasing divine **REVELATION**

John 4:16–18 (ESV) — Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in

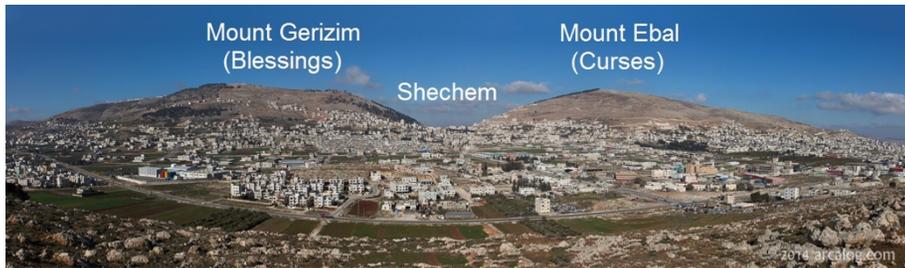
**saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.'**

**Before we go any further let's get a better understanding of the setting...**

**The city Sychar is at the old site of the ancient city of Shechem...**

**Shechem is stationed between two mountains...**

**→ Pic of Mt Gerizim & Mt Ebal**



**The Lord had instructed Joshua to build an altar on Mount Ebal...**

**And on that mountain to offer peace offerings...**

**Recorded in Deuteronomy 11, 27-28, and Joshua 8, is the story of these two mountains...**

**Joshua 8:30–31 (ESV) — At that time Joshua built an altar to the LORD, the God of Israel, on Mount Ebal, just as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded the people of Israel, as it is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, “an altar of uncut stones, upon which no man has wielded an iron tool.” And they offered on it burnt offerings to the LORD and sacrificed peace offerings.**

**Following this half of the tribes of Israel went and stood on Mt Gerizim and the other half stood on Mt Ebal...**

**On Mt Gerizim the Levites read the blessings of the Lord reserved for those who followed Him ...**

**On Mt Ebal the Levites read the curses of the Lord given to those who refused to follow Him...**

**Why is this important to us?**

**John 4:4–6a (ESV) — And he had to pass through Samaria. So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there ...**

**Jesus was standing directly between these two mountains at Jacob's well...**

**Standing there in a discussion with Jesus, not knowing Who she was talking to, she said...**

**John 4:19–20 (ESV) — The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.”**

**She is saying, “We worship the Father here, in the same place Abraham, Jacob, Joshua and the people of Israel worshipped...**

**John 4:21 (ESV) — Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.”**

**Then listen to what Jesus says next...**

**John 4:23–24 (ESV) — But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”**

**John 4:25–26 (ESV) — The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”**

**→ Pic 2 of Altar site**



**The lead tablet that was found at this site at Mt Ebal has been translated...**

**Here are the words found inside ...**

**→ Pic of writing on Tablet**

**Cursed, cursed, cursed - cursed by the God YHW.  
You will die cursed.  
Cursed you will surely die.  
Cursed by YHW – cursed, cursed, cursed.**

**This is monumental that a tablet declaring curses by Yahweh was found at the altar site on the Mountain of Curses!**

**Standing in between these mountains Jesus declares Himself as Messiah...**

**His death on the cross broke the curse over everyone who gives their life to Him!**

**Galatians 3:13 (ESV) — Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”—**

➤ **TESTIFY about Him**

**Hebrews 9:27 (NLT) — ... each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment ...**

**This morning in my One Year reading...**

**Proverbs 21:15 (NLT) — Justice is a joy to the godly, but it terrifies evildoers.**

➤ **We must be CARRYING the TRANSFORMING love of Jesus to every LONGING heart**

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**1. The Lord \_\_\_\_\_ for divine \_\_\_\_\_**

➤ \_\_\_\_\_ *with Him*

➤ *Think ONE is about \_\_\_\_\_ living*

**2. The Lord \_\_\_\_\_ us into divine \_\_\_\_\_**

➤ \_\_\_\_\_ *to Him*

➤ *I am \_\_\_\_\_ next divine \_\_\_\_\_*

**3. The Lord \_\_\_\_\_ for divine \_\_\_\_\_**

➤ \_\_\_\_\_ *for Him*

➤ *A \_\_\_\_\_ is doing my \_\_\_\_\_*

**4. The Lord \_\_\_\_\_ releasing divine \_\_\_\_\_**

➤ \_\_\_\_\_ *about Him*

➤ *We must be \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_  
love of Jesus to every \_\_\_\_\_ heart*