

# A LOVE THAT REVEALS (NO HIDING)

John 4:16-26

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## GOD WANTS TO REVEAL SIN IN HONESTY

John 4:16-19 - <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." <sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet."

DEATH/INFIDELITY  
IN ANY CASE, CURRENT MAN NOT IN COVENANT  
GENESIS - 2 SHALL BECOME 1 FLESH

<sup>1</sup> Corinthians 6:15-20 - Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two will become one flesh." But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body; but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

<sup>1</sup> Thessalonians 4:3-8 - For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

URGENT, NOT SHAME  
LET'S CALL IT WHAT IT IS: SIN  
THEN LET'S CALL OUR HIDING  
WHAT IT IS: SIN

- JESUS GOES RIGHT TO SOURCE
- SOUL FIRST PRICKED, THEN COMFORTED, BUT NO COMFORT WITHOUT HONESTY
- DIAGNOSIS

WE HIDE OUR SIN TO OUR OWN DETRIMENT  
GOD WANTS US TO BE CLEAN + FREE

- ① BRING OUR SIN TO GOD, REALLY
- ② LET HIS GRACE COMFORT YOU!

HOW?  
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## GOD WANTS TO REVEAL WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

John 4:19-24 - <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

GERMAN

DISTRACTION FROM ISSUES, BUT ALSO SEEKING TO LEARN FROM J.

## DIFFERENT INTERPRETATIONS

Deuteronomy 12:5 - But you shall seek the place that the Lord your God will choose out of all your tribes to put his name and make his habitation there.

Carson: Jesus is not saying that the Samaritans hold to a view of God that makes him utterly unknowable, still less that they worship what they do not believe - as if he were attacking their sincerity. Rather, he is saying that the object of their worship is in fact unknown to them. They stand outside the stream of God's revelation, so that what they worship cannot possibly be characterized by truth and knowledge.

TIME COMING WHEN LOCATION DOESN'T MATTER

SPIRIT/TRUTH  
ALL OF ONE W/O OTHER  
MAKES FOR IMBALANCED WORSHIP

WE WORSHIP IN PART TO OUR OWN DETRIMENT  
GOD WANTS US TO WORSHIP FULLY

- ① GROW IN TRUTH
- ② STORE SPIRIT

LET THIS WORSHIP  
- LEAD YOU IN RIGHTEOUSNESS  
- COMFORT YOU IN SIN

GOD IS LOOKING FOR THOSE WHO WORSHIP!

## GOD WANTS TO REVEAL HIMSELF IN JESUS

John 4:25-26 - <sup>25</sup>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." <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

SAMARITANS - TABOR  
THE RESTORER  
JEWS - MESSIAH  
POLITICAL/MILITARY  
BAGGAGE

ARE YOU MISSING THE PRESENT JESUS FOR ONE YOU ARE STILL WAITING FOR?

WE SEEK OTHER SAVERS TO OUR OWN DETRIMENT  
GOD WANTS US TO EMBRACE HIS SON