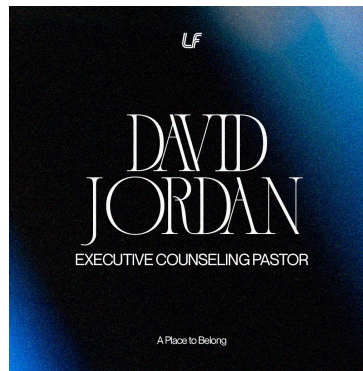




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OPENING PRAYER & ICEBREAKER

Icebreaker Question: Share about a time when someone showed you unexpected kindness or broke through a social barrier to connect with you. How did it make you feel?

KEY SCRIPTURE

John 4:1-42 (Focus on the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman)

MAIN POINTS RECAP

1. Satan wants to distract us from encountering God (through our phones, circumstances, divisions)
2. Jesus never argues—He just has conversations (relationship over religion)
3. Everyone wants joy, peace, and eternal life (Jesus offers living water)
4. Jesus wants a personal relationship with you (encounter God → make a difference)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Part 1: Distractions & Divisions (15-20 minutes)

1. What are the biggest distractions that keep you from encountering God in your daily life? (phones, busyness, worries, etc.)
2. The sermon mentioned that "race and gender are man-made divisions." How have you seen division (race, politics, social status) prevent people from hearing about Jesus?
3. Personal Reflection: What "distractions" did the Samaritan woman throw at Jesus (race, gender, religion, reasoning)? Which of these do you tend to use when avoiding spiritual conversations? Key Takeaways:

Part 2: Conversation Over Condemnation (15-20 minutes)

4. Jesus didn't argue with the woman—He had a loving conversation. Why is this approach so powerful? How is it different from how Christians sometimes share their faith?
5. The pastor said, "You don't have to quote Scripture to tell somebody about Jesus. All you have to do is tell your story."
 - What is your story of encountering Jesus?
 - Why might your personal story be more effective than quoting Bible verses in some situations?
6. Scenario Discussion: How would you start a spiritual conversation with:
 - A co-worker who seems stressed and anxious?
 - A neighbor going through a divorce?
 - A friend struggling with addiction?

Part 3: Living Water & Making a Difference (15-20 minutes)

7. Jesus offered "living water" that satisfies forever. What does this mean practically in your life? How has Jesus satisfied needs that nothing else could?
8. The woman's testimony was so compelling that her whole town came to meet Jesus (John 4:39-42).

- What made her story so powerful?
 - What would it look like for your story to have that kind of impact in your "circle of influence"?
9. Challenge Question: The sermon ended with, "What difference will your encounter today make when you leave those doors?" How will you answer that question this week?
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KEY TAKEAWAYS

- ✓ Encounter God - Jesus wants a face-to-face relationship with you, not just religious activity
 - ✓ Your Story Matters - You don't need to be a Bible scholar; your personal testimony is powerful
 - ✓ Conversation, Not Condemnation - Jesus spoke with love and compassion, not judgment
 - ✓ Make a Difference - After encountering Jesus, we're called to share Him with our circle of influence
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PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

This Week's Challenge: Choose ONE

Option 1: The "Woo" Challenge Practice starting conversations with strangers or acquaintances this week. Ask about their lives, listen genuinely, and look for opportunities to share hope (not necessarily full Gospel presentations—just be light in darkness).

Option 2: Write Your Story Write out your testimony in 3-5 minutes. Include:

- What your life was like before Jesus (or before a specific breakthrough)
- How you encountered Jesus (or how He met a specific need)
- How your life is different now
- Practice sharing it with someone in the group.

Option 3: Identify Your Circle Make a list of 5-10 people in your "circle of influence" (work, neighborhood, family, soccer moms, gym, etc.). Pray for them daily this week. Ask God to show you how to be light in their darkness.

Option 4: Digital Detox During Church Commit to turning off your phone (or putting it away) during church services for the next month. Focus on encountering God without distractions..

GROUP PRAYER TIME

Prayer Focus Areas:

1. Thanksgiving - For the living water Jesus provides and for His personal love for each of us
2. Personal Needs - Take time to share struggles mentioned in the sermon:
 - Those facing separation/divorce
 - Those struggling with addiction
 - Those dealing with depression or anxiety
 - Any other needs in the group
3. Boldness - Pray for courage to share your story with someone this week
4. The 17 (or however many) - Pray for those who raised their hands to accept Christ during the sermon
5. Circles of Influence - Pray for specific people in each member's life who need to encounter Jesus

CLOSING THOUGHT

"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and whoever captures souls is wise." - Proverbs 11:30

Remember: You're not responsible for saving anyone—that's God's job. You're simply called to let your light shine, share your story, and introduce people to the Jesus who changed your life.

HOMEWORK FOR NEXT WEEK

- Share your testimony with at least one person (can be another Christian for practice or someone who doesn't know Jesus)
- Journal about the experience: What went well? What was difficult? How did God show up?
- Come prepared to share your experience with the group