

The Least of These...

Samaritan Woman – From No Name to Evangelist

Culture measures a person's worth by power, popularity, status, and perfection. But the God measures worth on a radically different scale. When God wants calls, He rarely calls the cultural elites, spiritual heavyweights, or the socially powerful. Instead, He chooses the overlooked, the fearful, the broken, and the forgotten.

We will be exploring how God uses unlikely characters to display His divine glory. When our strength is absent, His power is undeniable. Faith challenges us to stop letting our limitations or past failures keep us from stepping into God's calling.

27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; 28 God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, 29 so that no human being[a] might boast in the presence of God. 1 Corinthians 1:27-29

God meets us in our weakness, redefines our identity, and strips away our self-reliance so His power becomes our only explanation for victory.

King David >> Solomon >> Divided Kingdom

Jesus >> the road through Samaria >> Unlikely Encounter >> Unlikelier Evangelist

13 I have also seen this example of wisdom under the sun, and it seemed great to me. 14 There was a little city with few men in it, and a great king came against it and besieged it, building great siegeworks against it. 15 But there was found in it a poor, wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city. Yet no one remembered that poor man. Ecclesiastes 9:13-15

Jesus Meets Us Right Where We Are

6 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. 7 A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." 8 (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) 9 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.) John 4:6-8

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

Jesus is not deterred by your who you or the world think you are. He intentionally steps into your chaos and isolation to bring healing.

“Chance Encounters” Deliver Genuine Salvation

10 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.” 11 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? 12 Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.” 13 Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14 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.” 15 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.

John 4:10-15

23 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. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” 25 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.” 26 Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.” John 4:23-26

You thirst. You hunger. You fight. You hope. Jesus is the Bread of Life and the Living Water. He lays His life down for you and is your Hope. He is real and He is yours.

Dropping Everything For Those We Love

28 So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, 29 “Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” 30 They went out of the town and were coming to him. John 4:28-30

Jesus transforms us completely. This allows us to leave our labels, our pasts, our shame, and our brokenness behind. They should no longer see you...but, should see Him in you.

Your Testimony Matters

39 Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, “He told me all that I ever did.” 40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. 41 And many more believed because of his word. 42 They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.” John 4:39-42

Your testimony does not need complex theology to be effective. Simply sharing what Jesus has done in your life can draw an entire community to Him.

God is not waiting for your moment of greatness. He is waiting for your faith in Him!

The Second Mile: *Going Beyond Sunday*

Let's dig deeper together to see how God is calling and equipping each of us to reach the lost.

Monday – The woman came to the well at an off hour to avoid more judgement and pain. How are you insulating (and isolating) yourself in the same way? Who are you avoiding?

Tuesday – How does knowing Jesus crossed cultural boundaries to reach the Samaritan woman encourage you? How can you do the same to reach others?

Wednesday – The woman dropped her jar and returned to those she loved. Have you ever felt hesitant to share your faith because of your past? What holds you back?

Thursday – Read John 4:29. How can you simplify your personal testimony into a clear "Come, see" invitation? Your simple and genuine testimony may be all it takes...share it.

Friday – Who is one person in your immediate sphere of influence you can invite to church or share Christ with this week?