

Through the Valley of the Shadow of Death - The Woman at the Well

Exodus 17:1-7; Romans 5:1-8; John 4:5-39

What would you do if you knew you were about to die? Tim McGraw wrote a song about some possibilities. But Jesus has the best selling book of all time to tell us exactly what he did: double down on the _____ of God. "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." - Luke 19:10

All that matters to God (OA Ch. 1) is a _____ relationship with his creation: you, me, the earth, and the _____. Because of his love for God and for you and me, Jesus made himself _____ for God's mission. There are lots of potential distractions to cause "mission ____." But Jesus stays focused on "the main thing." (OA Ch. 2)

When Jesus meets the Woman at the Well, we see all of this as _____ as crystal:
Her relationships are clearly not _____ for her. She needs something more.
She's a Samaritan and _____ from the rest of God's people.
Jesus makes sure he is in that location at that time to _____ this lost sheep.
Plenty of _____ could have shifted his attention from "the main thing."
His time is _____, but this woman is _____ to God.

What does it mean to be "available" for God's mission? _____, _____, and _____:
Jesus accepted God's mission as his own unlike anyone else. (OA Ch. 3)
He was approachable in a way no one else has ever been. (OA Ch. 4)
The allocation of resources he was willing to dedicate for this work _____ all others. (OA Ch. 5)

Jesus was willing to _____ his hunger and comfort, ruin his _____, be ridiculed, misunderstood and dependent, even suffer and die, for the Woman at the Well, and for _____.

Are you willing to be available for God's mission? Will you accept Jesus' mission as your own? (OA page 9)

T / F Jesus' mission on earth was to redeem sinners, that is, he came to save the lost.

T / F The mission of Christ's Church on earth is different from Christ's mission.

T / F The #1 priority of the Church is to care for the saved.

T / F To "love your neighbor" or be a witness is for selected, gifted people.

T / F It's God, not me, who brings people to faith.

How is the Holy Spirit nudging you to be more approachable?

How is God asking you to allocate more of your resources toward reaching the lost?

Who has God placed in your life that still hasn't found what they're looking for?

What are you going to DO about it?