



# Sermon Highlights

## **Making Connections: Jesus' Encounter with the Samaritan Woman**

### **Sermon Summary:**

This sermon explores Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well, emphasizing how Jesus breaks down barriers and makes connections with people in difficult places and circumstances. Bert Harper highlights the importance of reaching out to others, overcoming prejudices, and sharing the gospel even in challenging situations. The sermon encourages believers to be open to God's leading in connecting with others and to recognize that no one is beyond the reach of God's love and salvation.

### **Key Points:**

- Jesus purposely goes to difficult places to make connections
- Jesus overcomes traditions, opinions, and prejudices to reach people
- No person is so lost that Jesus can't save them
- Ordinary tasks and places can become extraordinary when Jesus is involved
- Believers should be willing to connect with and witness to anyone
- Revival involves making connections and reaching out to others
- God can use anyone, regardless of their past, to share His message

### **Scripture Reference:**

- John 4:1-10 (The encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well)

**Stories:**

- The Bert Harper's experience traveling through Nevada on "the loneliest road in America" and unexpectedly meeting acquaintances
- The conversion of "Mr. Earl," a mechanic known for his rough language, who came to Christ after being prayed for
- The Bert Harper's personal testimony of salvation at age 12
- Jesus' encounters with various individuals in the Gospels, including Nicodemus, Mary Magdalene, and the disciples
- The parable of the Good Shepherd leaving the 99 sheep to find the one that was lost