

SHAME INTO GLORY

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John 4:7-9 A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?”

1. Jesus sees you for you and not your baggage.

A. *He took special interest in her even though she was a Samaritan woman with a notorious reputation.*

B. *Through this conversation, Jesus revealed His character.*

1) His humanity – He was tired and thirsty.

2) His sympathy – He was not a critic, but a friend.

3) His desire to break down barriers – A Jewish leader talking to a Samaritan woman was something that would have shocked the Jewish audiences of that day.

- Here we see God so loving the world, not in theory but in action.
- John 3:16

C. *The Samaritan woman was likely using this particular well as her means of getting water because the events and circumstances of her life caused her to feel a great deal of shame.*

1) Oftentimes we find it easier to inconvenience ourselves than to face our shame.

2) We feel safer hiding and avoiding than to risk further embarrassment.

John 4:10-15 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.” 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? Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.” Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 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.” 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.”

2. Jesus wants to give you more than what you deserve.

- A. *The woman kept taking Jesus literally the things that Jesus was communicating spiritually.*
- B. *How often do we overlook the spiritual blessings of God when we can't see any physical blessings?*
- 1) The woman was completely overlooking the fact that Jesus was offering her eternal life!

3. The woman at the well couldn't understand her need for salvation without understanding her sin.

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

A. *Christianity begins with two revelations:*

- 1) The revelation of Christ
 - We realize who Christ Jesus is.
- 2) The revelation of ourselves
 - We realize our sin and come to the understanding that the life we are living will no longer do.

B. *Here we see the fundamental truth that at the core of every human heart is a thirst for something only God can satisfy.*

John 4:23-26 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. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." 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." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He."

C. *It is at this moment that she finally understands who she is talking to and how to respond.*

- 1) Jesus was teaching her that through her worship of him, she can be made worthy!
- 2) Through our worship we overcome!

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

4. She left her jar and went to the village to tell others.

- A. Just a short time ago, she was too ashamed to show her face in the town. Now, she is excited to tell everyone about the freedom from shame that she found in Jesus.*
- B. She left her Jar because that shameful path was one that she no longer needed to travel.*