

GOING OUT OF OUR WAY

LESSONS FROM THE
WOMAN AT THE WELL

Part 2: Breaking Down Any Barriers

John 4:7-9

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John 4:27

²⁷ Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?"

How do we break down barriers?

- Let People Know They're Noticed
- Let Down Your Guard First
- Let People Know They're Accepted

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Application:

Think about 1 person who might be feeling the pain of rejection at work or in school or in the neighborhood: What can you do to let them know they're noticed?

Let Down Your Guard First

John 4:7b-8

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Romans 10:21

²¹ But of Israel he says, "All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and contrary people."

***There were 3 formidable social barriers he
broke down:***

- Race**
- Religion**
- Gender**

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John 4:9


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Remember the person of peace model:

- Like (smile)
- Listen (curious)
- Leverage (bless)



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