

GOING OUT OF OUR WAY

LESSONS FROM THE
WOMAN AT THE WELL

Part 1: Meeting People Where they Are

3 Truths from Jesus' Example:

- Requires Going Where People Are
- Recognize the Sacred in Every Place
- Rely on His Promise of Power

John 4:1-6

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John 4:1-6

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A Simple 3-step Strategy

1. Like (smile)
2. Listen (be curious)
3. Leverage (help)

Recognize the Sacred in Every Place

John 4:5

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Rely on His Promise of Power

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Acts 1:4-8

⁴ And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” ⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?”

Acts 1:4-8


⁷ He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Acts 4:13

¹³ Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.

Acts 4:29-31

²⁹ And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, ³⁰ while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” ³¹ And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

A woman in traditional African attire, including a white headscarf and a red and white patterned shawl, stands in a field of tall, dry grass. She is looking towards the right. A dark wooden post is visible in the foreground, and another person in a blue garment is partially visible on the right side of the frame.

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