

The Body Of Christ Discovering God

A Well Of A Difference

Turn to John 4 - This is the story of the **woman** at the **well**.

1. This is a story of a woman's life that was in absolute **hopelessness** with **nothing** to live for, in a matter of minutes meeting Jesus, her whole life was **changed**.
 - This encounter happened in a town called Sychar (means town of **drunkards**)
 - Sychar had a **reputation**
 - Sychar was in a **bad** country – Samaria – the Jews **despised** it
 - This woman was not only **alone**, but she was **poor**.
2. I believe this woman went at noon time to escape the glares and judgments of others – called **shame**

This woman was the **subject** of all the rumors and she walked down the street – people talked about her.

Here is her identity of herself

3. When she walked up to Jesus, she was at the **lowest** part of her life, she was **insecure**, felt **worthless**.

In this story, I want to show you 3 things we are supposed to learn today and walk out of here different.

A. Jesus who is **God**, understands **timing**.

John 4:4

John 4:5-7

4. Think of all the **details** that needed to be worked out for this particular encounter to **happen**.
5. Nothing happens by **chance** with God.

Proverbs 16:33

It says: **you** may cast the dice, but it's **the Lord** that determines **how** they fall.

- I believe in this story, someone stopped **criticizing** this woman and began to **pray**.
- 6. I believe most of us give up because God is not following **our** timeline.

Ecclesiastes 3:11a (NIV)

¹¹ He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart...

Ecclesiastes 3:11b (NIV)

¹¹ ... yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

- * We knew we needed a **redeemer** to reach our destiny – to see the **whole** picture

7. Even though we are born again and our eyes have been delivered from **spiritual blindness**, we cannot see the **whole** scope from **beginning** to the **end**.

Romans 5:6

- He died at the **perfect** time.
 - * Think with me – all the **series of events** that had to happen so you would choose to be born again.
- 8. God does not have a **general** plan for our life, He has a **detailed, minute by minute** time or plan for our life.

Jesus is concerned about every **minute**, not just **years** or **seasons**.

Ephesians 1:9

- * At the right time, your God will bring **everything together** in the authority of Christ.

Ephesians 1:10-14

- This tells us – there will be no **unfinished** business in the end.

Your victory comes when you **recognize** when you pray in accordance to God's will (His **Word**), all will be brought under the **authority** of Jesus Christ in the end.

Here is the second thing about this story:

- B. Jesus understands our need for **purpose**

John 4:10

- This woman had been seeking fulfillment in **relationships**.
- She was seeking fulfillment in a **man**.
- She has had **six** and not found the joy that she was looking for.

9. All of us are running after that source that **fulfills**.

Here is my point:

You either have **found** it or **haven't**. You either found it through **Jesus** or you either found it through **success**, **pleasure**, **popularity** or **security**.

Whatever well you are dropping your bucket in, you either draw up **two** types of water:

- Dropping your bucket for Jesus, you draw up a water that gives you **eternal** life, a **perpetual** spring that's always **in** you and always have a **fulfilling** life.
- Or, you are bringing up a bucket that has **holes** in the bottom – if you choose that one, you have to drop the bucket **every day** to find something for fulfillment.

10. By the way, every person in this room need **purpose** that we give our **passions** to.

- The Bible tells us she dropped her bucket (**past**) and ran into the city (her **purpose** and **identity** only **Jesus** can give)

A present life that's **fulfilling**, knowing your future is **secure**.

11. She met the **Messiah**, loved **God** and her first thought was I need to go back to my **village** and there are people that need to meet Him.

Love **God** and love your **neighbor**

Matthew 22:36-40

“Life is not a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty, well-preserved body, but rather to skid in broadside, thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and loudly proclaiming, wow Lord, what a ride!”

Here is the third thing we are supposed to get from this story of the woman at the well.

C. Jesus understands our need for **hope**.

John 4:10-14

- * There is a difference between hope and wishing.

Wishing is: I **want** a new bike, car, etc.

Hope is this: hope is **trusting** God for the future because you are **convinced** the future belongs to the Lord and He will be **with** you on the journey.

12. It's more about His **presence** in the journey than the **destination**.

His blessings will **overtake** you.

His favor is **upon** you.

He is **for** you and not **against** you.

That's **hope**

Isaiah 54:17

Matthew 28:20

Isaiah 53:5

God's promises give hope

1 Peter 1:3-7