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JESUS THE THIRST QUENCHER

John 4: 1-42 (ESV)

Passage in a Sentence: Jesus is the real thirst quencher; He and He alone can satisfy our spiritual thirst for a relationship with Him and it is every Christian's responsibility to share that good news with the world.

The Conversation between a Caring Savior and a Curious Woman

I. The Caring Savior – (John 4:1- 8, 10, 13, 16)

- a. Jesus made sure to be at the well when this woman came to get water.
 - i. He had to pass through Samaria. (John 4:4) Jesus is all about doing things at the right time: (Ecclesiastes 3:1; John 2: 3; John 7:8; Acts 1:7; Romans 5:6; Galatians 6:9)
 - ii. The woman's presence at the well was unusual.
- b. He was weary and tired, but he didn't let that stop him from doing what he came to do.
- c. Jesus treats everyone the same – He loves us all the same. (John 4:7)
 - i. He cared for her even though she was a Samaritan. (John 4:7-9)
 - a. On several occasions Jesus used the Samaritans as an example of one who does the right thing. (Luke 10:2; Luke 10)
 - b. He was trying to overcome the stereotyping of the Samaritans.
Maybe we need to make an intentional effort to do the same today.
 - ii. He cared for her even though she was a woman.
 - iii. He cared for her even though she was an adulterer – she had been married five times. (John 4:16-17) Jesus reminded her that she was a sinner.
 - a. Before we can come to saving faith in Jesus, we must first admit we are sinners.
 - b. Jesus always loves unconditionally, but he never turns a blind eye to our sins. (Romans 3:10-11) In order to understand the magnitude of God's grace, we need to understand the totality of our depravity.
There can be no conversion without conviction.
 - iv. Jesus speaks to us individually.



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II. The Curious Woman (John 4:9, 11-12, 15, 17-18)

- a. She couldn't see how Jesus could do what He said He would. (John 4:11-15)
 - i. She was focusing on the wrong thing.
 - ii. Like the woman at the well, we often focus on the wrong thing – the material not the spiritual.
 - iii. The material will never completely satisfy us. We will always be left wanting more. We “will be thirsty again.” (John 4:13)
- b. She was confronted with her sinful life. (John 4:18)
- c. She tried to divert the conversation with questions about religion. (John 4:19-24)
 - i. He basically said it doesn't matter where you worship. Worship primarily has to do with the spiritual not the physical.
 - ii. The object of our worship is God in Heaven – the object of Samaritan worship was idols.
 - iii. Quality of worship is more import. You can spend much time in worship, but what is your real motive and attitude.
- d. She thought she was getting a drink of water, instead she got more than she could have ever imagined. (John 4:25-26)
 - i. She met the Messiah. (John 4:25-26)

“I who speak to you am he.”(John 4:26) The literal translation of the Greek text is, "I am the one speaking to you." It recalls the statement from God in Exodus 3:14, “I Am Who I Am.”
 - ii. She knew about the Messiah and that he was to come, but now she knew him personally. (John 4:29)

III. The Clueless Disciples (John 4:27, 31-38)

- a. They had the same prejudices many other Jews had about Samaritans and women. (John 4:27)
- b. They were more concerned about Jesus eating physical food than Him enjoying the spiritual food from His Father. (John 4:31)



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- c. They were so clueless, Jesus had to give them a lesson on evangelism. (John 4:35-38)
 - i. He continues with the food theme and turns it into a lesson on evangelism. (1 Cor. 3:6-9)
 - ii. If you are a Christian, then you are supposed to be a part of this difficult task of sowing, watering and reaping.
 - iii. Notice one of the places Jesus said to carry the gospel was Samaria. (Acts 1:8)

IV. The Changed Community (John 4:39-42)

- a. Many believed in Jesus.
 - i. We don't know how many. The Bible says, "many Samaritans believed."
 - ii. As is the case with everyone who leads another person to the Lord, you don't know the full impact of what they have done until we reach heaven.
- b. Notice that we do not know the name of this woman, but she made a difference in her community.
 - i. God often uses people and we don't even know their names.
 - ii. She had no training in evangelism, or in theology. In fact, she was not even a "good" person. She just told her story.
- c. They couldn't get enough of Jesus. They asked him to stay and he stayed two days.
- d. We may lead someone to Jesus, but in the end, they must have their own encounter with the Savior – Jesus, the Christ. (John 4:41-42)