

## ENCOUNTER JESUS #8: John 4:1-42 "WHEN YOU ARE UNWANTED"

ALWAYS SHOCKED CELEBRITY IMPOLODES (once you reach status satisfied) A Bourdain CNN'S celebrity traveler – chef b4 took his life I am lonely and living in constant uncertainty. "He is absolutely the last person in the world I would have ever dreamed would do something like this. He had everything."

**U have everything and still empty**  
- **Broken people in need all around us. Every day. The ones u don't think**  
**MP: God's people, the church, are supposed to be seeking out unwanted and broken people in Jesus' name so He can rescue them. Not the sentiment**

**BARNA: Sharing Faith Is Increasingly Optional to Christians**

**RESPONSE** "Every Christian has a responsibility to share their faith." In 1993, 9/10 Christians agreed. Today, just two-thirds agree 25-point drop. **1/3**

- Neither a sign nor a saying – but **IMPORTANT**

### **JESUS WANTS THE UNWANTED HE'S ONLY ONE SATISFY (v.1-9)**

While Nicodemus **came** – Jesus **went** to the Samaritan woman – **W REQUIRES BOTH**  
**We can't wait for people to come to us, we must be willing to go to them.**

**INTENTIONAL CONTRAST -**

Nicodemus named, respected, honored, influential, a man, educated, Jewish, righteous  
Samaritan unnamed, unwanted, woman, illiterate, Samaritan, sinner

**Jesus came to reach the up and out and the down and out.**

- **Place of racial/religious tension HISTORY – He was waiting**
- **SURPRISED/SCANDALOUS:** Jewish Man talking to Samaritan woman

'One should not talk with a woman on the street, not even with his own wife, certainly not w somebody else's wife, bc of the gossip of men,' and 'It is forbidden to give a woman any greeting.'

- **WITH JESUS THERE WAS NO BOX:** no man made conventions that constrain.
- **SIMPLE: DRINK – Bridged the physical/spiritual – earthly/heavenly - THIRSTY**

Blaise Pascal said that every human heart is created with an infinite abyss. A craving that can 'only be filled with an infinite and immutable object. In other words, by God Himself.

**LIVING WATER:** "living water" desc water a source, a spring or a river. not stagnant

**Living water:** gift from god, perm satisfies your thirst, leads to eternal life

**Jeremiah 2:13** "For My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, and hewn themselves cisterns—broken cisterns that can hold no water.

**Asking to offering: SOMETHING IN THE WAY**

### **JESUS HEALS GUILT AND SHAME (v.10-15)**

Good news of LW has to address the bad news of our sin (satisfaction broken cisterns)

- **Not condemning – issue had to be confronted – lovingly into the light**
  - o **Fact - yank tooth straight teeth – makes crooked**

**Jesus wasn't shaming her He was healing her of her guilt and shame.**

- **Guilt:** a feeling of responsibility or remorse for some offense, wrong.

- **Shame:** the painful feeling that arises from doing something dishonorable, wrong, and its public appearance.

**GOOD: Gifts awareness sin** **BAD: TOXIC TIL U COME CROSS** (1 more relationship –  
– bury guilt/shame – drink – kind deed cover guilt – **it does not last**) **WAGES OF SIN**  
- JESUS HEALS BOTH – Messiah – came to cleanse you burden guilt/shame

**Guilt and shame can be uncovered in Christ's love. DIDN'T TURN AWAY - Worship**

**JESUS LEADS YOU TO THE WORSHIP GOD (v.16-26)**

**WHERE WORSHIP?? U CAN'T:** temple Mt. Gerazim 400AD, reli system, 5 books Moses  
Tarot cards, new ageism, islam, protestant rituals, catholic sacraments,

**GOD IS SEEKING:** She was not seeking God but God was seeking her.

- **God is light, God is love, God is a consuming fire – GOD IS SPIRIT**
- Cannot be confined to a place, ritual, ceremony or custom - **brand**

**SPIRIT:** To commune with God you have to have His Spirit and renewed Spirit, **LW**

**You have to have God's Spirit and have a renewed spirit to worship God.**

**TRUE:** Divine Revelation – the His word – His Son – The way, the truth, the life

**JESUS MAKES YOUR LIFE MATTER (v.27-42)**

The conversation precedes and unfolds into an explanation – **MISSION AND URGENCY**

- The unusable was used / aimless had purpose / despised was chosen

**COME SEE A MAN.....baker, butcher, click of women despised her, families of her previous husbands, VILLAGE E1 KNEW HER BUSINESS**

- **If that's all it took her to be motivated to share – how much more...**

**Look: the fields are white the laborers are few – PRAY LORD OF HARVEST**