

TRANSFORMATION – WHY DO WE WELCOME? - Pt 12

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John 4:1-26, 39-42 (NIV)

John 4:39-42 “Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in Him because of the woman’s testimony, ‘He told me everything I’ve ever done.’⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to Him, they urged Him to stay with them, and He stayed two days.⁴¹ And because of His words many more became believers.⁴² They said to the woman, ‘We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world.’”

John 4:1-26 “Now Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that He was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John –² although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but His disciples.³ So He left Judea and went back once more to Galilee.⁴ Now He had to go through Samaria.⁵ So He came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph.⁶ Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired as He was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.⁷ When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, ‘Will you give me a drink?’⁸ (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, ‘You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?’ (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)¹⁰ Jesus answered her, ‘If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water.’¹¹ ‘Sir,’ the woman said, ‘you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?’¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?’¹³ Jesus answered, ‘Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again,¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.’¹⁵ The woman said to Him, ‘Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.’¹⁶ He told her, ‘Go, call your husband and come back.’¹⁷ ‘I have no husband,’ she replied. Jesus said to her, ‘You are right when you say you have no husband.¹⁸ The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.’¹⁹ ‘Sir,’ the woman said, ‘I can see that you are a prophet.²⁰ Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.’²¹ ‘Woman,’ Jesus replied, ‘believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.²² You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews.²³ Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks.²⁴ God is spirit, and His worshippers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.’²⁵ The woman said, ‘I know that Messiah’ (called Christ) ‘is coming. When He comes, He will explain everything to us.’²⁶ Then Jesus declared, ‘I, the one speaking to you – I am He.’”

“If we are going to be God’s people, living in this day, at this time, we will have to choose to do what no one else will do.” — Dr. Brenda Salter-McNeil

Jesus people bring worth and value to ALL people, whether they believe like you or not.

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Jesus people _____ in living water and _____ it up to others generously.

LOOK IN:

1. Do you understand what Jesus means by “living water?” If so, are you drinking what He promises, and why or why not?
2. What is your ‘worth’ wrapped up in? Family, friends, work, wealth, reputation, education? From what wells are you drinking?
3. How might your life change if you stopped drinking from those other wells?
4. What does Jesus’ engagement of this woman suggest about your own value to him? How might Jesus’ view of you motivate your thirst for the “water” He offers?
5. If you’ve met Jesus and become one of His people, how has encountering Him transformed your views of others? How has He shaped your approach in life?