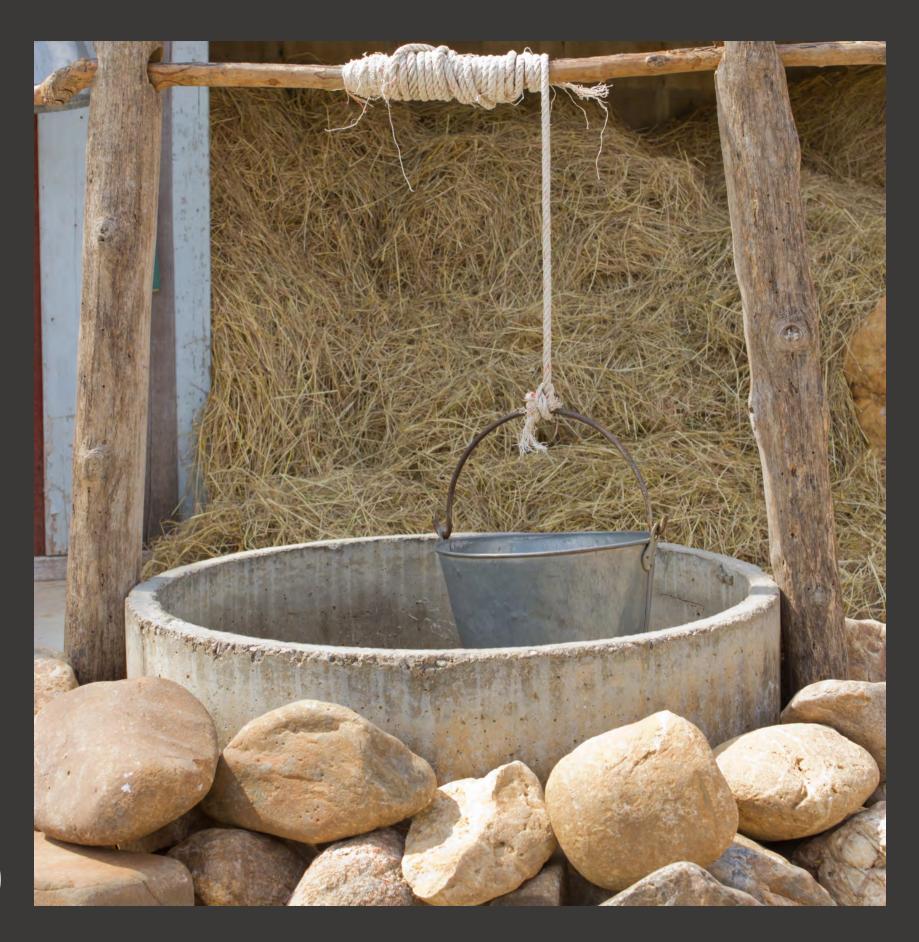
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Well, John 4:1-26, 28-30, 39-42 (ESV)



John 4:1-3

Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John (although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples), he left Judea and departed again for Galilee.

Not God's appointed time for Jesus to confront the Pharisees head-on...





3 Ways to Travel from Jerusalem to Galilee

From Biblical Archaeology Society

The Hatred Between Jews and Samaritans

- Samaritans, a mixed race, part Jew and part Gentile.
- They grew out of the Assyrian captivity in 722 BC.
- Rejected by the Jews because they could not produce evidence of their genealogy.
- They set up their own temple and religious services on Mount Gerizim.
- They accepted only the Pentateuch and rejected the rest of the Hebrew Bible .

The Hatred Between Jews and Samaritans They refused to help the Jews when Zerubbabel led the rebuilding of

- the temple (Ezra 4:2-3).
- Alexander the Great and later Greek generals made Samaria their ally to counter the Jews.
- In 128 BC, the Jews destroyed Shechem, burned the Samaritan temple on Mount Gerizim.
- Pharisees would pray that no Samaritan would be raised in the resurrection.
- Pharisees called Jesus a 'Samaritan' when they insulted Him (John) 8:48).

John 4:4, 7

And he had to pass through Samaria... A woman from Samaria came to draw water.

- Why does Jesus HAVE to pass through Samaria? Divine appointment.
- God looks for ordinary people or things and turns it into some extraordinary through divine appointments (v7)
- An ordinary woman (and enemy of the Jews) is the target of God's love, grace and mercy. Anyone can be a target... (v7)
- Can you sense the times when God arranges divine appointments between you and someone?



PRINCIPLE #1: The LORD knows His God-given PURPOSE.

How can I know God's purpose/ mission? Ask God.

John 4:7, 9-10

Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink"...

The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

- Jesus began conversation with the woman's felt physical need
- All things to all men, to save some (1 Corinthians 9:22-23)
- Then He led the woman to see the real spiritual need... thirst for God
- He revealed
 - 1) Who He was
 - 2) What He had to offer, and
 - 3) How she could receive gift of the living water- eternal life.

How can you perceive a person's need/s?

PRINCIPLE #2: THE LORD has a godly PERCEPTION of the woman's needs.



1 Corinthians 9:22-23

"To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. I do this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings."

John 4:17, 19, 23-24

The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'...

The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet...

But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

- Jesus revealed the Samaritan woman's past
- Discerning Jesus as a prophet, the woman ask her most personal question
- Both Jesus and the woman established a relationship of trust
- The woman believed in Jesus



PRINCIPLE #3: The LORD connected the PERSONAL things with the Word.

How to connect the 'personal' with the Word? Know the Word! Have a relationship with Jesus.

John 4:28-30, 39-41

So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the town and were coming to him...

Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his world.

- Having found the answer to eternal life, the woman was elated
- Leaving her jar behind, she went and told the whole town
- Many believed because of her testimony

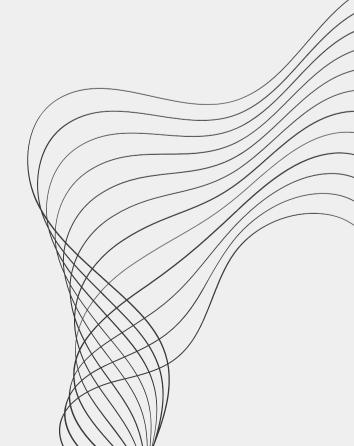


PRINCIPLE #4: The lady Proclaimed the good news.

Why should she share?.

She found the true answer at last and she cared enough to tell the people in town.





Conclusion

- God has a PURPOSE for us as He connects us to others through divine appointments (4:7).
- As we become all thing to all men, ask Holy Spirit to accurately PERCEIVE the person's real need (4:7-9-10).
- Go PERSONAL as you share your testimony and the truth of God (4:17, 23-24).
- Our responsibility to PROCLAIM the good news of Jesus Christ is effective only when we have a real relationship with Jesus.
- Disciple-makers PURSUE the spiritual growth of others (v42).

Discussion

Sermon "Well, Well, Well!"

1 John 4:1-42

1. What were some things you learnt from the sermon? 2. Why is it that people find evangelism a difficult discipline? 3. How do you think those difficulties can be overcome? 4. Think of some situations or locations where you can share your testimony and the good news with someone. How would you approach the person and share in that situation? 5. Determine when you would share the good news with someone.