

John 4:14 – Samaritan Woman Meets Jesus – A Great Example of Witness

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Joh 4:10-25 Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." [11] The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? [12] Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?" [13] Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, [14] but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." [15] **The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."** [16] Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." [17] The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,' [18] for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly." [19] The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. [20] Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship." [21] Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. [22] You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. [23] But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. [24] God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." [25] The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things." [26] Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He."

Context/Biblical Background – Because the Pharisees were trying to incite competition between Jesus and John the Baptist (Joh 3:25-30), Jesus left Judea and started north for Galilee. He could have taken one of three possible routes: along the coast, across the Jordan and up through Perea, or straight through Samaria. Because He was on a divinely appointed schedule, it was necessary that Jesus go through Samaria. Why? Because He would meet a woman there and lead her into saving faith, the kind of true faith that would affect an entire village. Our Lord was no respecter of persons. Earlier, He counseled a moral Jewish man (Joh 3:1-36), and now He would witness to an immoral Samaritan woman! It should be noted **that although Jesus was tired from the journey, He was still available** to enter into the discussion of salvation! Also **note the love that Jesus had even for those whom the Jews hated! He loves everyone, does He not?**

A GREAT EXAMPLE OF WITNESSING, EVEN TO THOSE WHO MAY HATE US!

Seven interchanges: Jesus always leading to salvation/eternal life.

Jesus:

1. **Jesus' Request** – Give Me a drink (no Jew would ever ask a Samaritan to do anything for them)
2. **Good News** - Gift of God – Living Water
3. **Benefit of Good News** - Superiority of Living water- leading to eternal life
4. **Gentle Introduction to her sin** – "Go call your husband and come here"
5. **Gently points out her sin-commends her for being truthful!** – not one, but five-but you spoke truly.
6. **Answers/ends argument-pointing back to the Lord** -- as where to worship with how to worship-not where but how and who God is!
7. **Jesus is the answer eternally - I am the Messiah! I am He!** (We would say, "Jesus is the Messiah" He is the **only source of eternal life!**)

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2. **Living water?** You have nothing to draw with/greater than Jacob?
3. **Not interested in everlasting life, but interested in not getting thirsty and having to come to the well to draw water.**
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5. **Response to gentle rebuke of her sin**-where is the correct place of worship? (wants to argue about the church or doctrine?)

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SUMMARY: GREAT EXAMPLE OF HOW TO WITNESS:

1 - Begin with question or request; 2 - Bring in the Gospel, pertinent to the person; 3 - Give Benefits; 4 - Gently draw out their need. 5 - Commend them but further drawing out their need. 6 - Answer objections/argument with Jesus! 6 - Continue until concluding with Jesus is the only answer to salvation/eternal life!!!

PRAY TODAY FOR: (Name persons, name things, take direct aim at the objective of your supplications)

- **Our Church, Nationally and locally**
- **For fruitfulness Scotland CreationFest – illumination; a message; an open door; effectiveness; clarity; boldness; deliverance**
- **Our Nation: Our leaders; for kings and those in authority**
- **Our Current Pres/VP Candidates: Donald Trump; Hillary Clinton; Mike Pence; Tim Kaine**
- **Police officers/military & all those upholding law & order**
- **Pray for ten people, by first name, whom you believe are lost!**
- **When in small groups - Personal Prayers:**

JESUS MESSIAH – Chris Tomlin

*He became sin Who knew no sin That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross Love so amazing Love so amazing*

*Jesus Messiah, Name above all names Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel
The rescue for sinners The ransom from Heaven Jesus Messiah Lord of all*

*His body, the bread His blood, the wine Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled And the veil was torn Love so amazing Love so amazing, yeah*

*Jesus Messiah Name above all names Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
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All our hope is in You All our hope is in You All the glory to You, God The light of the world

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"Amazing Grace" – Newton – sung by Judy Collins

*1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a
wretch like me!*

*I once was lost, but now am found; Was blind, but now I
see.*

*2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace
my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.*

*3. Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have
already come;*

*'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, And grace will
lead me home.*

*4. When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright
shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's
praise Than when we'd first begun. (Repeat verse 1)*

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