



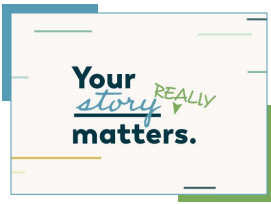
Your story matters.



An Astonishing *Conversation*

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MESSAGE NOTES

What did Jesus have to say to ordinary people like you and me?

What did _____ in people's lives?

Today we're going to explore an astonishing conversation Jesus had in the most unlikely _____, under the most unlikely circumstances, with the most unlikely _____ who was at the lowest possible end of the social, cultural, intellectual, and economic scale of that time.

1. Jesus Breaks Down _____-Constructed Obstacles

Note [John 4:4-9](#)

Just by travelling through Samaria, Jesus was _____ age-old, humanly constructed barriers.

Human barriers and obstacles do not _____ Jesus from reaching out to us.

2. Jesus Breaks Down _____ Barriers

A. He _____ reveals truth—Jesus was hot, tired, and thirsty, but His request for a drink (note [John 4:7](#)) was for a _____ purpose (note [John 4:9-10](#)). The _____ was no longer Jesus' physical thirst, but this woman's spiritual need. Jesus offered *living water* to this individual's _____ soul. Note [John 4:11-15](#). Note [1 Corinthians 2:14](#). God's love for us is a _____ love.

- B. He gently _____ us—the Bible describes this universally acknowledged human condition by a little 3-letter word: _____. In a gentle, yet profound way, Jesus _____ with this individual’s sin (note [John 4:16-19](#)). He knows the _____ we carry around. He has an answer, a _____ for us, but He needs us to honestly acknowledge our sin and our need.
- C. He gets to the _____ of the matter—(note [John 4:20-21](#)) - the _____ of worship isn’t the issue...It’s *when*, _____, *and how* that matters (note [John 4:22-24](#)). It comes from the _____...true worshippers are the result of the _____ of God and the _____ of God transforming the human heart. True worshippers are people who have had a *spiritual* _____. The heart of the matter for the woman at the well (and for you and me today) is what are we going to do _____ (note [John 4:25-26](#)). Amazingly, the first time Jesus _____ disclosed who He was...was to this obscure, problem-laden woman in hated Samaria.

Your story really does matter to *Jesus*:

- Jesus wants us to know _____.
- He has broken down human spiritual barriers in our lives to reach us.
- He _____ us to become true worshippers by placing our trust in Him alone and embracing His authority and reign in our lives.

*Tell someone about the next step you took today in your spiritual journey!
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DISCUSSION GUIDE

Icebreaker: What's your favorite food or drink that isn't "normal" in your culture or setting?

1. What were some of the obstacles that Jesus had to break down in your life so you could have a conversation with Him and how did that come about? ([John 4:4-9](#))
2. God patiently reveals truth. ([John 4:11-15](#), [1 Corinthians 2:14](#)) What are some truths that He has revealed to you this week?
3. God gently confronts our sin. ([John 4:16-19](#)) How do you respond when your sin is confronted, and what refinements would make that response better?
4. God gets to the heart of the matter. ([John 4:20-26](#)) What are you going to do with Jesus? How will your own encounter with Him affect your Monday-Saturday life, as well as what you do on Sundays? ([Romans 12:1-2](#), [John 15:4-9, 12-17](#))

Day One: [Luke 17](#)

Day Two: [Luke 18](#)

Day Three: [Luke 19](#)

Day Four: [Luke 20](#)

Day Five: [Luke 21](#)

PERSONAL GUIDE



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