

Light & Life - The Book Of John
“God’s Grace In My Shame” John 4:4-42
Cornerstone Church Of Poway
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Sermon Teaching

Big Idea:

To know Who Jesus is and to place our confident trust in Him as our Lord & Savior.

To Experience God’s Grace In My Shame, I Will:

1. Seek Jesus To Satisfy My Spiritual Thirst

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 the sixth hour. 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 flocks and herds?" **John 4:4-12 (NIV)**

¹³ Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him 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."

John 4:13-15 (NIV)

2. Worship In Spirit And Truth

He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. 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 fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹ Jesus declared, "Believe me, woman, 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.

John 4:16-22 (NIV)

²³ Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in **spirit and truth**, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in 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 who speak to you am He.**" **John 4:23-26 (NIV)**

"So I say, **live by the Spirit**, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

¹⁷ For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in **conflict** with each other, so that you do not do what you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law... But the fruit of the Spirit is

love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control.

Galatians 5:16-18, 22 (NIV)

3. Tell Others About God's Grace & Mercy

²⁸ Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people,

²⁹ "**Come, see** a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Christ?" ³⁰ They came out of the town and made their way toward him. ³¹ Meanwhile his disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat something." ³² But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you know nothing about." ³³ Then his disciples said to each other, "Could someone have brought him food?" **John 4:28-33 (NIV)**

³⁴ "My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.

³⁵ Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. ³⁶ Even now the reaper draws his wages, even now he harvests the crop for **eternal life**, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. ³⁷ Thus the saying 'One sows and another reaps' is true. ³⁸ I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor." ³⁹ Many of the Samaritans from that town **believed** in him because of the **woman's testimony**, "He told me everything I ever did."

John 4:34-42 (NIV)

Jesus said, "Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. ²¹ But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God."

John 3:20-21 (NIV)

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 4:40-42 (NIV)

➤ **How have you responded to Jesus' invitation to receive His living water?**

To experience God's grace in my shame, I will:

Seek Jesus to satisfy my spiritual thirst.

Accept Jesus as my Savior.

Sign up for a small group or take Foundations of Faith class.

Follow Jesus in Believer's Baptism.

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Family Corner: [Choose one day this week to ask questions to go deeper in faith as a family.]

Open in Prayer.

Icebreaker: What is your favorite beverage? How would you describe your thirst for spiritual matters? Thirsty? Dehydrated? Quenched? Other?

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The MacArthur Study Bible

Samaria. When the nation of Israel split politically after Solomon's rule, King Omri named the capital of the northern kingdom of Israel "Samaria" (1Ki 16:24). The name eventually referred to the entire district and sometimes to the entire northern kingdom, which had been taken captive (capital, Samaria) by Assyria in 722 b.c. (2Ki 17:1-6). While Assyria led most of the populace of the 10 northern tribes away (into the region which today is northern Iraq), it left a sizable population of Jews in the northern Samaritan region and transported many non-Jews into Samaria. These groups intermingled to form a mixed race through intermarriage. Eventually tension developed between the Jews who returned from captivity and the Samaritans. The Samaritans withdrew from the worship of Yahweh at Jerusalem and established their worship at Mt. Gerizim in Samaria (vv. 20-22). Samaritans regarded only the Pentateuch as authoritative. As a result of this history, Jews repudiated Samaritans and considered them heretical. Intense ethnic and cultural tensions raged historically between the two groups so that both avoided contact as much as possible (v. 9; Ezr 4:1-24; Ne 4:1-6; Lk 10:25-37). See 2Ki 17:24 [note].

God’s Grace In My Shame

Read John 4:4-42

Why was the Samaritan woman surprised that Jesus spoke to her? (4:9)

In what ways are people you know prejudiced?

What are some prejudices you will ask God to help you overcome?

How do people satisfy their hunger and thirst in life?

What did Jesus say would be the result of drinking the water He offered? (4:13-14)

How can we worship in spirit and truth? Why are both essential? (4:23)

Read Galatians 5:16-18, 22

How can we worship God in spirit and in truth?

How have you responded to Jesus' invitation to receive His living water?

How is the world's need for salvation and eternal life like thirst?

What is your spiritual story of God's grace & mercy?

How can you encourage others to quench their spiritual thirst this week?

Close in prayer: