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Desperate yet Distant!

Unexpected Jesus #2

Jesus is sharing something so much better...

(1:14-18) Moses gave the law → Jesus came incarnating **grace and truth**.
(1:26-34) John baptized with **water** (you in) → Jesus baptizes with **Holy Spirit** (in you).
(2:1-11) Jesus changed ceremonial water for washing → choice wedding wine.
(2:13-22) **Animal sacrifices** in temple → for **Jesus' broken/raised body** as temple.
(3:1-21) Nicodemus told **water birth** → must yield to **Spirit birth** to experience God.

³ So Jesus left Judea and headed to Galilee. ⁴ He **had to go through Samaria** on the way.

⁵ He came to the Samaritan village of Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there; and Jesus, **tired** from the long walk, **sat wearily** beside the well about noon. ⁷ Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, **"Please give me a drink."** ⁸ His disciples had gone into the village to buy some food.

⁹ The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. **How can you ask me for a drink?**" ¹⁰ Jesus replied, "If you only knew **the gift God has for you** and **who** you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you **living water**."

¹¹ "But sir, you don't have..." ¹³ Jesus replied, "Anyone who drinks this water will soon become **thirsty again**." ¹⁴ But those who **drink the water I give will never be thirsty again**. It becomes a fresh spring **within them, giving them** eternal life." **John 4:3-13**

With Jesus, everyone is welcome! Despise no one, affirm dignity...

¹⁵ "Please, sir," the woman said, **"give me this water!** Then I'll never be thirsty again, and I won't have to come here to get water." ¹⁶ **"Go and get your husband,"** Jesus told her. ¹⁷ "I don't have a husband," the woman replied. Jesus said, "You're right! You don't have a husband- ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and you aren't even married to the man you're living with now. You certainly spoke the truth!" ¹⁹ **"Sir,"** the woman said, "you must be a prophet. ²⁰ So tell me, why..." ²⁵ The woman said, "I know the Messiah is coming—the one who is called Christ. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." ²⁶ Then Jesus told her, **"I AM the Messiah!"** ²⁷ **John 4:15-26**

With Jesus, nobody is perfect! Trust in Jesus, don't just cope...

²⁸ The woman left her water jar beside the well and ran back to the village, telling everyone, ²⁹ **"Come see** a man who told me everything I ever did! **Could he possibly be the Messiah?**" ³⁰ So the people came streaming from the village to see him...

³⁹ Many Samaritans from the village **believed in Jesus** because the woman had said, "He told me everything I ever did!" ⁴⁰ When they came out to see him, they begged him to stay in their village. So he stayed for two days, ⁴¹ long enough for many more to **hear his message and believe**. ⁴² Then they said to the woman, **"Now we believe,** not just because of what you told us, but because we have **heard him ourselves**. Now **we know** that he is indeed the Savior of the world." **John 4:28-42**

With Jesus, anything is possible! Give up safe distance to **be real**...

Crossroads Church

Discovering Life Connected with God!

Our Vision

To be a dynamic and diverse family of believers in Jesus Christ connected in transforming relationships with God, each other, and our world!

Our Purpose and Mission

To connect people with God, God's family, and God's mission through a transforming relationship with Jesus Christ!

Our Strategy

To fulfill God's purpose in our lives through a balanced commitment to love God with our entire being and to love our neighbor as ourselves, according to God's Great Commandment and Great Commission in the Bible.

Our Commitment

Growth

To speak and act more like Jesus Christ each day of our lives.
To reach people disconnected from God with the love of Jesus.

Relationships

To develop depth, consistency, and closeness in our walk with Jesus.
To share life and spiritual journey together with each other.

Relevance

To apply God's truths and principles to life in practical ways.
To engage and meaningfully share Jesus with people.

Involvement

To participate in church family relationships and responsibilities.
To discover and contribute our dynamic and diverse abilities.

Truth

To value Jesus Christ and the Bible as God's eternal revelation to us.
To believe and center on Jesus Christ as forgiver and life leader.

Let's Catch the Vision and Share the Mission Together!

"We are an autonomous, biblically-based church family that actively partners locally and internationally to fulfill our mission to connect people in transforming relationship with Jesus Christ!"