

3/15/29 John 4 Pastor Jordan Gades

Good morning, grace and Peace be to you From God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

We just got to hear this incredible story of the Good news of Our God. The story of the Woman at the Well. It's a sad truth that we have come here today so much like the woman came to the well. Alone, full of anxiety and fear, not knowing what will happen next in our lives. But this is a story of hope, truth, and the sharing of the good news that our God inherently brings wherever God goes.

So where is God going in today's gospel?

But he had to go through Samaria.

Jesus heading from Jerusalem area to Sea of Galilee area

He had to go through Samaria - ok spoiler alert - he didn't and let's talk about that little fact.

-Also, Samaritans -

So, Jesus doesn't have to go, but Jesus chooses to take this road of hardship to go to this place of pain and meet this woman, to meet us, right where God is needed the most. I'd like to share this story of our abiding and transforming God in a different way. <https://youtu.be/l7yA4EHnCvU>

Let's dive into that with this little movie about the Woman at the well. To be known is to be loved, to be loved is to be known, fully completely, inside and out, we are fully known, we are laid bare before our God every moment of our day. And we are loved. God sees that pain, God sees that fear and Anxiety, that is building and surging within us as I speak and says to us Peace be with you, I see it, I know it, and I know you. I AM with you. The I AM is with you. Peace, you are known by your God. Your fears and prayers are heard by your God and your God does not abandon you or forsake you. Our God comes to us now.

And what does Jesus bring - living water - the source which fulfills, the life abundant, Peace and Hope, Forgiveness and Salvation. I know we are surrounded everyday by thirsty people grasping for those sips of water that will act as a balm for parched dry throats. Grasping for those things that we think will make things easier, will make things ok. But hoarding toilet paper isn't going to help. Hoarding food isn't going to bring relief. It might slacken our fear for the moment but it does nothing for the problem and makes life worse for our neighbors.

That is not what Jesus came for. Jesus did not come through hardship and pain to come to that woman at the well so only she could know hope. No. Jesus came so that that woman might taste living water and share it with all that she knew. That living water changed her. Gave her courage and peace. Without a second thought she went to all those who hated her and

spurned her, all those she feared and despised and shared with them this living hope, this messiah, this God amongst them, so that they would know the peace that flows like a mighty river, was in their midst.

She HAD to share it. She HAD to share it. We talked about things that HAD to be done. She HAD to share this God who knew them and loved them. Them, who were already on the outside of society and alone, God had shown up for. Those who were supposed to be hated, God loved. To be known is to be loved and to be loved is to be known. Know your God now. Know that our God is hear, know that our God is with you. Know that peace the surpasses all understanding that comes from our God. Turn to God and Trust in God. You are a dearly beloved child of God, you have felt the living waters on your skin and on your hearts and on your souls. Trust and have faith in the God of our salvation. Know His Peace.

To end today we are going to rewatch the video we started with.

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