

Message Notes | Encounters with Jesus

Part 2: Woman at the Well

John 4:4-26

- dealing with messes
- you're not alone

#1 _____ is not _____ of your _____.

- can God love ME?
- Jesus speaks with a Samaritan woman - **vs. 4-8**

**#2 Jesus _____ about _____ more than he
_____ about _____.**

- living water - **vs. 9-14**
- Jesus gets personal - **vs. 15-18**

**#3 _____ is a big _____. God doesn't _____ it. We
_____ either.**

- Jesus is what she needs - **vs - 19-26**

#4 Your mess isn't too _____ for _____.

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1. Share a time when life got a little bit messy. How did you handle it? What did you learn?
2. Why might some people feel as if God or the church can't handle their mess?
3. **Read John 4:4-8.** Explain all the things that are surprising about these verses.

What do these things tell you about Jesus?
4. Jesus showed that he cared for people more than the perception of others. Is there a way that you can do that better in your own life?
5. **Read vs. 9-18.** What do you think of Jesus' approach with the woman?

Why was it so important that he went there?
6. Have you ever tried to just ignore sin or guilt? What did you learn from that experience?
7. God has called us to share "sin" and "grace" with people. What factors can make it hard or uncomfortable? Why is doing this so important?
8. **Read vs. 19-30.** Jesus showed that he wasn't afraid of the woman's mess. He wanted a relationship with her. What does it mean that faith is relational? What does it mean for our response to what Jesus has done?

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Bible Reading for Today

John 4:13-26

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

¹⁶ He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

¹⁷ "I have no husband," she replied.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. ¹⁸ 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 ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

²¹ "Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, 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. ²³ Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the 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, the one speaking to you—I am he."