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Lesson #35

The Journey

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Evangelism Tips

Emphasize Jesus.
Be friendly, and aggressive.
Ask a leading question.
Without planting seeds there is no harvest.
Be prepared to go where the conversation goes.

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- **John 4:15** The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.”
- The woman’s words sound encouraging, perhaps even sound like she has already believed upon Christ and is saved.
- But look closer – she still doesn’t want him, but merely wants some benefit that she thinks he is offering.

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- She probably dreads going to the well everyday and having to lug 40-50 lbs. of water home for her household and would love to be relieved of that duty.
- She is not even necessarily convinced he can make good on his claim to supply living water, but if he can provide even some temporal benefit, she is ready to say, "yes"!
- Voddie Baucham believes many who are considered third world converts to Christ are really people responding to the prosperity gospel. (the poor are easy prey)

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- She has multiple needs she wants met – 1) she needs water everyday 2) she wants relieved of the chore and 3) she wants to avoid the shame of going out in public.
- **"Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."**
- There is no sense from her words that she is convicted of her sin and wants to repent and begin to live a life that is dedicated to God.

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- When we get to verse #29, we will see her interest in knowing "the Christ", but for now she seems interested in only how she could benefit from his offer.
- Suppose that Jesus' real offer was exactly what she thought it was – how would being relieved of needing to draw water change her life and those around her for the better?
- In 30-40 years or so when she is on her death bed, how valuable would that offer be?

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If you treasure Jesus for who he is and love him whether he relieves you of your water carrying chores or not, whether he feeds you or not, whether he heals you or not - and you desire his company whether rich or poor, you then know that it is he himself who satisfies every desire you have.

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Jesus Satisfies

When Jesus no longer stands preciously nigh,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
I look to the Rock that is higher than I,
And peace, wondrous peace floods my soul.

The sun may be shining on fields bright and gay,
With springtime perfumes in the breeze;
Yet, life without Jesus is winter in May,
Without Him no prospect can please.

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Jesus Satisfies

If living like Paul all victorious and free,
Tho' beaten while multitudes stare;
Tho' put behind bars 'twould be heaven to me,
For Jesus will dwell with me there.

If faithful in standing for what I believe
Brings scoffing and fire, I can dare
To laugh in the furnace where I am to burn,
For Jesus will dwell with me there.

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He said to her, "Go, call your husband and come here." The woman answered and said to Him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have correctly said, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; this which you have said is true." The woman said to Him, "**Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet**".

John 4:16-19

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Observation #1

Jesus is a man.

Observation #2

Jesus is a prophet.

Observation #3

Jesus is a God.

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Questions?

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