

Personal encounter with Jesus

John 4:1–42 — The story of the Woman at the Well

In John 4, we see an expression of the life-transforming power of a personal encounter with Jesus both in the life of this forgotten Samaritan woman and the city of Samaria itself. Her story shows us that no one is too broken, too rejected, or too far gone for a life-changing encounter with the Lord.

This morning, we explore what happens when someone truly meets Jesus.

1. Jesus Meets Us Where We Are

John 4:3-4 — “And Jesus left Judea and returned to Galilee. Now He had to go through Samaria (a place Jews typically avoided).”

Jesus still meets us where we are- in everyday places and in the ordinary moments.

Jesus Breaks Barriers to Reach Our Hearts (Ethnic, Gender and religious barriers)

John 4:9 —The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?”

Ephesians 2:14 — He breaks down dividing walls.

Jesus crossed every barrier to meet us where we are.

Prayer point:

Let’s Thank God for Finding us where we are.

Romans 5:8 — “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

2. Jesus Offers Living Water That Truly Satisfies

Jesus is still offering living water (Eternal life) to whoever will come to Him.

John 4:13–14 — Whoever drinks the water Jesus gives will never thirst.

Psalms 36:9- "For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light"

Revelation 3:20 — “Behold, I stand at the door and knock.”

John 7:37-38 – “Let him that is thirsty come..”

Isaiah 55:1 — Come, all who are thirsty.

John 7:37–38 — Whoever believes in Him will have rivers of living water.

Prayers:

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Lord Jesus, thank You for meeting us where we are.
Reveal Yourself to us in a real and personal way.
Heal our brokenness, fill our hearts with living water,
and make us true worshipers and bold witnesses.
Amen.

3. Heart Transformation and True Worship

True worship starts from the transformation of our hearts

John 4:16–18 — “Jesus said to her, “You have well said, ‘I have no husband,’ for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly.”

Psalms 51:6 — God desires truth in the inward being.

John 4:24 - “God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”

Romans 12:1 “Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.”

Philippians 3:3 — Worship by the Spirit of God.

4. Overflow of a personal God encounter to the city

A Broken and rejected woman transformed into She left as an evangelist. What a transformation.! Even her priorities changed — she forgot her water jar because she found living water.

John 4:28–29 —" The Samaritan woman leaves her water jar at the well and returns to her city, excited by her encounter with Jesus. She tells the townspeople to "come and see".

2 Corinthians 5:17 — “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here”.

Mark 5:19 — “Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.”

Trans-generational impact of personal encounter with Jesus.

Acts 8:5-6 – “Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.”

Acts 8:8 “So there was great joy in that city.”

Prayer Points:

May God grant us the grace and diligence to steward the personal encounters He has entrusted us with, not just for ourselves only but for generation yet unborn.