

Transformation

“Worship”

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Today's Scripture: “When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, ‘Will you give me a drink?’ 8 (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) 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?’ (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) 10 Jesus answered her, ‘If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.’ 11 ‘Sir,’ the woman said, ‘you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? 12 Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his flocks and herds?’ 13 Jesus answered, ‘Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him 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 fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.’ 21 Jesus declared, ‘Believe me, woman, 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 spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. 24 God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in 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 who speak to you am he.’” John 4:8-26

Transforming our lives through worship will happen when we worship:

1) In the right Spirit - “Spirit” has to do with:

A) Physical Location- Worship can happen anywhere and at anytime. “‘Sir,’ the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.” (vs. 19 - 20)

B) Spiritual Connection- Spiritual connection means Connecting to God. “God is spirit” (vs. 24)

C) Emotional Response - “‘Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, ‘He told me everything I ever did.’ 40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. 41 And because of his words many more became believers. 42 They said to the woman, ‘We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world.’” (39 - 42)

2) In the Truth - Worshipping in truth means worshipping:

A) **The true God not religion** - “*“Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.’ 21 Jesus declared, ‘Believe me, woman, 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.’” (vs. 20 - 22)*

B) **The true God not tradition** - “*Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. 24 God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.” (vs. 24)*

3) In the “And” and not the “or.”

4) **The true Messiah** - “*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 who speak to you am he.’” (John 4:25 - 26)*

When we come to know the true Messiah He transforms us because:

A) **We become like what we worship.**

B) **We want the world to know Him** - The woman went from an adulterous woman to a witness for Christ.