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The Encounter that Shifts – Bruce Goodwin Message notes and study guide

John 4 1-7 (NKJV) Therefore, when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John ² (though Jesus Himself did not baptize, but His disciples), ³ He left Judea and departed again to Galilee. ⁴ But He needed to go through Samaria. ⁵ So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. ⁶ Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from *His* journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour. ⁷ A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink."

A. Jesus never took aimless journeys, he had a specific agenda, He was mission minded.

Luke 19:10 - For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Samaria was a lost territory. It was once devoted to Jehovah but underwent Assyrian invasion. Assyria brought with it idols, god's and foreign ideas that redirected their worship

II Kings 17- entire chapter

*Jesus is found sitting on Jacob's well – **Gen 33:19** (an alter had been built in that territory).

When God wants to win a city, a territory or region he always selects a man/woman to have intimate encounter with.

Psalm 115:16 NKJV - The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's; But the earth He has given to the children of men.

Moses – Exodus 3:1-4 Isaiah - Isaiah 6:1-13 Ezekiel- Ezekiel 2:1-10 Jonah - Jonah 1:1-2 Peter & John- Acts 4:13 Paul- Acts 9:1-19

Forerunner- someone or something that comes before another

John 1:25-27 - Now those who were sent were from the Pharisees. ²⁵ And they asked him, saying, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" John answered them, saying, "I baptize with water, but there stands One among you whom you do not know. ²⁷ It is He who, <u>coming after me</u>, <u>is preferred before me</u>, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose."

Friend of the Bridegroom Concept

John 3:29 ²⁹ He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is fulfilled.

B. Samaritan woman's response

⁹ Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. ¹⁰ Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."

1. She begins to disqualify herself based on what she believed about herself, and based on what she believed about Him.

A.W. Tozer "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us. Book-Knowledge of the Holy

The more of a revelation we have of who God is, the more effectively we can minister under the anointing.

The Knowledge of God outside of prayer, worship, and intimate encounter is limited to our by our own personal experiences.

I Corinthians 2:13-14

¹³ These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. ¹⁴ But the natural man does not receive the things of the

Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

2. She begins to doubt how effective his method is

John 4:11-12¹¹ The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? ¹² Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?"

It's not about what you do, it's about what happens when you do it.

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