



Acts 1:8, *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.*

1. BE _____

John 4:3-4, *When the Lord learned of this, he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee. Now he had to go through Samaria.*

- * **Jesus had more demands for his time than He had time**, yet He was intentional in seeking out those who were far from God, investing time in them, and sharing the Good News.
- * **Why did Jesus have to pass through Samaria?** It's not because He was in a hurry, but because He was on a mission to seek and save the lost!

John 4:5-9, *So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) 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.)*

- * **Jesus doesn't just talk about seeking the lost, He put it on His schedule.** He traveled to where the lost were. He got rid of distractions. He took the initiative in starting conversations with people; He didn't wait for them to come to him.
- * **God's love compels us** to follow Jesus' example to be intentional in seeking out those who are far from God.

2. INCLUDE _____

FIND A CONNECTION

John 4:10, *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."*

- * Jesus transitions the discussion from immediate needs to eternal needs. This woman needs more than physical water, she needs Living Water; she needs Jesus.

ENCOURAGE DISCUSSION

John 4:11-12, *"Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? 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?"*

STAY GOSPEL FOCUSED

John 4:13-24, *Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, 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." 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." He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. 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." "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus declared, "Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. 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. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth."*

- ✳ **Spirit** | We must have faith that is rooted in our soul. We must love God from our heart; our innermost being.
- ✳ **Truth** | We must believe in God as Self-Revealed; not as a god of our own making. God's truth is found in God's Word.

John 4:25-26, *The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." Then Jesus declared, "I who speak to you am he."*

- ✳ **Admit** my need. I am a sinner in need of a Savior Who can save me from my sins.
- ✳ **Believe** Jesus Is God in the flesh. Believe in His Person and His Work.
- ✳ **Choose** to follow Jesus as Lord each day.

3. LET GOD

John 4:27-29, *Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, "What do you want?" or "Why are you talking with her?" Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Christ?"*

John 4:39-42, *Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. And because of his words many more became believers. 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."*

- ✳ **This woman just met Jesus and immediately begins to share her story with others.** She is a Witness to what she had seen and heard, but only God can bring someone to a place of faith.

4. LIVE ON

John 4:32-35, *But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you know nothing about." Then his disciples said to each other, "Could someone have brought him food?" "My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. Do you not say, "Four months more and then the harvest"? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest."*

- ✳ **Jesus tells the disciples that the time for harvest work** – for sharing the Gospel with those who are far from God – is to be done right now. The Holy Spirit is preparing people for faith right now. We must go to the lost right now.

GOAL 1: Make time this week to visit with someone far from God.

GOAL 2: Have one Gospel conversation this summer with someone far from God.