

# TRUSTING GOD

Soul-winning  
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## I. THE CIRCUMSTANCES

Jn. 4:1 When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John,

2 (Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples,)

3 He left Judaea, and departed again into Galilee.

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5 Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.

6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour.

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- Jesus was on a journey – “All the time – everywhere”
- Jesus and the disciples stopped along the way to their destination → Galilee.



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- They observed a historical marker – Joseph’s land and Jacob’s well.
- The icons of history are insufficient to slake the thirst of the spiritually thirsty.

B. Soul-winning obstacles are natural occurrences.

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- Fatigue was a natural occurrence for the Son of man.
- Fatigue can cause us to be too tired to witness.
- High-noon was an inconvenient time to travel and for a woman to draw water.
- Circumstances put Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the same place, at the same time.
- The disciples went to procure lunch, another natural occurrence.
- Natural hunger can distract us from witnessing.
- Being alone with the opposite sex can be a hindrance overcome by witnessing.

## II. THE CONVERSATION

Jn. 4:7 There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: **Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.**

8 (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.)

9 Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.

10 Jesus answered and said unto her, **If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.**

11 The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?

12 Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?



13 Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:

14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

15 The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.

#### A. Conversation initiates an opportunity for Soul-winning

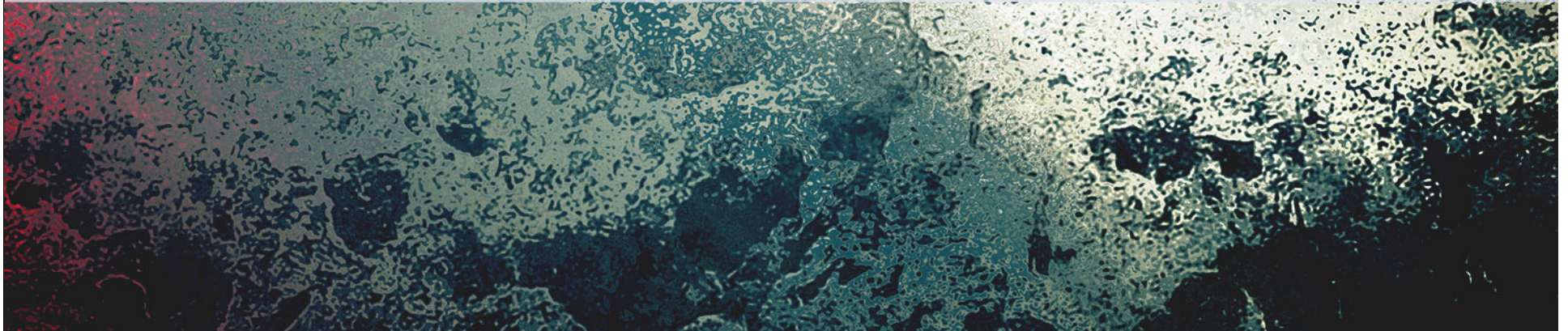
- Jesus initiated the conversation.
- Jesus ignored the racial discussion.
- Jesus focused upon the woman's need of salvation.
- Jesus ignored the question of comparison – He is greater than Jacob!
- Jesus focused upon Spiritual values.
- Jesus ignored her request for the spiritual water.

## B. Conversation invigorates an opportunity for Soul-winning

Jn. 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: **the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.**

- When Jesus witnessed to others, He is the Word.
- When we witness to others, we must use His Word.

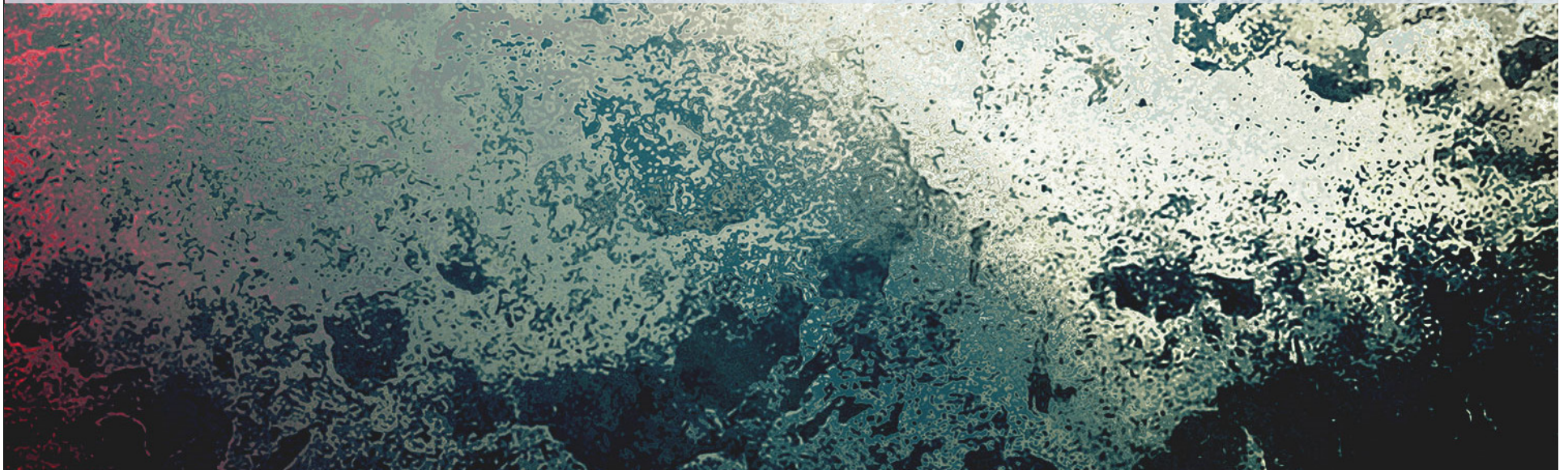
Isa. 55:11 So shall **my word** be that goeth forth out of my mouth: **it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please**, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.



Heb. 4:12 For **the word of God is quick, and powerful**, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Eph 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and **the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God**:

- Jesus was more concerned about “possession” than obtaining a “profession.”



### III. THE CONFRONTATION

Jn. 4:16 Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither.

17 The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband:

18 For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.

19 The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.

20 Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.

21 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.

22 Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.

23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

## A. The Confrontation of the Sin (vs. 16-18)

Luke 13:3 I tell you, Nay: but, **except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.**

Luke 16:30 And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, **they will repent.**

Acts 3:19 **Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out,** when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

Acts 8:22 **Repent therefore of this thy wickedness,** and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

Acts 17:30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now **commandeth all men every where to repent:**

Acts 26:20 But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that **they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.**

2 Pet. 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, **not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.**

## B. The Confrontation of the Savior

- Jesus wants mankind to face the “sin problem.”

Luke 19:10 For the Son of man is come **to seek and to save that which was lost.**

Heb. 7:25 Wherefore **he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him**, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

Jn. 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life**: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

#### IV. THE CONVICTION

Jn. 4:25 The woman saith unto him, I know that Messiah cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things.

26 Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.

A. Facing our sins – “...Messias...Christ...tell us all things.”

B. Facing the Savior – “...I...am he.”

Psa. 38:4 For mine iniquities are gone over mine head: **as an heavy burden** they are too heavy for me.

Psa. 51:3 For I acknowledge my transgressions: and **my sin is ever before me.**

Psa. 73:21 Thus **my heart was grieved**, and I was pricked in my reins.

Jn. 16:8 And when he is come, **he will reprove the world of sin**, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

Acts 2:37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?



Acts 16:29 Then he called for a light, and sprang in, **and came trembling, and fell down** before Paul and Silas,

Acts 24:25 And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, **Felix trembled**, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.

## V. THE CONVERSION

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## A. After Conversion the Sinner Leaves the Sin

1 Thess. 1:9 For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how **ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;**

Psa. 103:12 As far as the east is from the west, **so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.**

Isa. 38:17 Behold, for peace I had great bitterness: but thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption: for **thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.**

## B. After Conversion the Sinner Loves the Savior

Deut. 6:5 And thou shalt **love the LORD thy God with all thine heart,** and with **all thy soul,** and with **all thy might.**

Luke 10:27 And he answering said, Thou shalt **love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,** and with **all thy soul,** and with **all thy strength,** and with **all thy mind;** and thy neighbour as thyself.

## VI. THE CONFIRMATION

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34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

35 Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.

36 And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.

37 And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth.

38 I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours.

39 And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did.

40 So when the Samaritans were come unto him, they besought him that he would tarry with them: and he abode there two days.

41 And many more believed because of his own word;

42 And said unto the woman, **Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.**

A. A Believer is Faithful to Tell Others

B. A Believer is Fruitful from Telling Others

Jn. 15:8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; **so shall ye be my disciples.**

## Conclusion

2 Cor. 5:17 Therefore **if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature**: old things are passed away; **behold, all things are become new.**

