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Divine Disruption!

When Jesus Christ Disrupts Your Life and Changes Everything.

John 4:1-15 NIV

Now Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that he was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John— ² although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples. ³ So he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee.

⁴ Now he had to go through Samaria. ⁵ So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ 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.^[a])

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 livestock?"

¹³ Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them 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."

"What caught my attention as I prepared for this message was how Jesus disrupted her day.

This is a story of a woman who remained nameless but had a divine disruption by Jesus Christ in the middle of her day. In just those few brief moments, Jesus transformed her life forever.

The Bible, both Old & New Testament are full of divine disruption stories; Moses, David, Noah, Paul, Peter, Jacob, and the list continues.

“A divine disruption is when God shows up in the middle of your situation or circumstance, in the middle of your brokenness or frustration, and transforms the trajectory of your life.”

Listen, one second in the presence of God is greater than a lifespan of anything else (money, fame, therapy, vacations, family, etc).

Psalm 84:10 NIV

Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

“This woman had an opportunity, she had a divine moment with God, and God used that moment to transform her trajectory.”

Question: Who was the Samaritan woman?

Answer: All we know is where she's from and what is her lifestyle.

The first thing to notice is that she was considered a social outcast.

“Getting water from the well was a group venture. All the women would get together and either go early in the mornings or later in the evenings when the sun went down and it was cooler in the day...She went by herself in the middle of the day.”

John 4:7 NIV

When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?”

Secondly, she was spiritually blind.

Jesus (the Messiah) was in front of her, and she hadn't realized it. In fact, she didn't even realize what Jesus was talking to her about. Jesus answered her:

John 4:10 NIV

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."

"She was so blind that the Messiah, Jesus, was literally in front of her and she didn't realize that it was he."

"Sometimes in our spiritual blindness, God can be doing something in our lives and we don't realize that he's actually active and doing something for us at the time."

Thirdly, she was considered a sinful person.

John 4:17-18 NIV

"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."

According to the narrative, she had been with at least six different men and the most recent one wasn't even her husband.

"Her past is irrelevant...her brokenness is irrelevant. It's relevant to us as humans. It's not relevant to God because God sees our brokenness and God sees our situation and he's still engaged in people's situation."

Three Divine Manifestations of Christ in This Story

1. His Divine Assignment

John 4:4 NIV

Now he [Jesus] had to go through Samaria.

“Jewish people in those days...whenever they had to go through Samaria, they would actually deviate east and they would take a longer route, because they didn’t want to interact with Samaritan people.”

“But Jesus says I have to go through Samaria. There is somebody over there who needs me. There is somebody over there who I have an assignment for. There is somebody over there who needs to experience my power and my glory. I have to go through Samaria.”

This trip was more than getting to a destination but it has a higher design.

Jesus knew the exact time and location of where this woman would be.

“God knows exactly where you’re at. We need to realize that...”

Romans 8:28 NIV

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 5:3 NIV

Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance

“When Jesus looks at this woman, he’s not looking at her present situation, he’s looking at her divine purpose.”

You see, when Jesus looks for you, he’s not just looking at what is in front of him at the moment, but he is also looking at your divine purpose.

Jeremiah 1:5 NIV

[God speaking] Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.

Before you were in your mommy's womb, God already knew you! Divine assignment.

"When you understand God's design, then you realize that everything about you...will be used for the glory of God."

Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

"Nothing just happens by chance or coincidence. Jesus has you on his mind and he will do whatever he has to do in order to get your attention."

Haggai 1:5-6 NIV

Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. ⁶ You have planted much, but harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it."

2. His Divine Pursuit

The normal time to draw water was morning or evening during the cooler hours of the day. By the way, this is the same reason Jesus would have walked all night. It was safer to walk at night with potential savage attacks than it was to be in the heated sun.

This woman is coming to draw water at a time when there was nobody else around. She was trying to avoid the shame that would come by attending the well when there weren't others around (perhaps because of her lifestyle). She was a woman with a mission—get the water and get out.

But Jesus disrupted her day.

He had just walked all night, he was tired, possibly hungry, it was hot, his throat was dry, he was thirsty, his lips were burnt from the sun but he had her on his mind.

What is interesting to me is that the scriptures mention that she had had six husbands but none of them were there to help her at the well.

What do you do when you have poured yourself out to either people or things and nothing really turns out the way you had hoped for?

- You have tried relationships,
- You have run to addictions,
- You have gone to therapy,
- You have taken medication,
- You have read all the books,
- AND STILL, nothing satisfies your thirst.

“Jesus broke the rules of normality because He knew something about this woman that she didn’t know about herself.”

3. His Divine Disruption

John 4:7 NIV

Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Please give me a drink.”

Jesus disrupted her day. He showed up at the most inopportune time. He threw a monkey wrench into the conversation.

“You can rest assured that when Jesus disrupts your plan, He will make it worth your while.”

This woman was trying to stay under the radar, she was trying to keep a low profile but how many of you know that when God has a plan for you, there is no place to hide.

Psalms 139:7-10, NIV

Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me

Martha Reeves and the Vandellas sang a song called– **Nowhere to Run** “Nowhere to run to baby, Nowhere to hide I got nowhere to run to baby, Nowhere to hide,” “... Everywhere I go, your face I see, Every step I take, you take with me, yeah”

You can run, but you can’t hide. Some how or another God will find you. God will disrupt your day simply because he has a plan for your life.”

Proverbs 19:21 ESV

Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand.

Proverbs 16:9 ESV

The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps.

Perhaps, the reason you are not able to sleep at night is that your soul knows that there is purpose inside of you and it's anxiously disturbed

Perhaps, the reason why you've tried different partners with no success is that the only one that can truly quench your thirst is Jesus.

Perhaps, you are looking in all the wrong places.

John 4:13-14 NIV

Jesus replied, "Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. ¹⁴ But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life."

"Jesus was willing to be viewed as a beggar just to get her attention."

"In her mind, she was just going to get some water but in Jesus' mind he was going to get her."

"Jesus is looking for you right now. Jesus is talking to you right now. I want you to know that he is pursuing you. He wants you. There is a purpose for God in your life. This is probably why you probably struggle with whatever it is that you're struggling with because your soul knows something is missing."

4. His Divine Gift

John 4:10 NIV

Jesus replied, "If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water."

Jesus is telling her "I am the gift of God"

John 3:27 NIV

To this John replied, "A person can receive only what is given them from heaven.

James 1:17 NIV

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

"Jesus wants to gift you right now with his presence. Whatever it is: in your sickness, in your brokenness, in your spiritual blindness, in your thirstiness, full of your anger, full of your hate and your grief and your confusion - in whatever it is, God is trying to capture your attention and he's trying to change your trajectory."

How Did She Respond?

1. She stayed in the conversation

"May of us run and ignore and bypass and avoid God. God is saying, 'You can try to avoid me, but I will never avoid you and I'm looking for you.'"

2. She recognized that she needed a change

John 4:15 NIV

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."

"Do you recognize that you've tried different things and the only one that can quench your thirst is God? Can you recognize that? Can you recognize that you need a change that you've tried different things in your own life and it just hasn't worked out? Surrender yourself to the Lord. Surrender yourself to his will."

"A story like this reminds me that I need change. A story like this reminds me that I need to encounter God. A story like this reminds me that God is continually pursuing me."

3. She embraced/accepted it and then she went and told everybody else

John 4:42 NIV

[the other Samaritans] “We no longer believe just because of what you [the Samaritan woman] said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world.”

James 2:19 NIV

You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.