

## Isn't it Time for a Home Reno?

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### 1. Finding the House (vv. 1-6)

John 4:1-6

*Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John<sup>2</sup> (although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples),<sup>3</sup> he left Judea and departed again for Galilee.<sup>4</sup> And he had to pass through Samaria.<sup>5</sup> So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.<sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.*

- ⇒ Jesus knows just the best place to start a home renovation. It is not in the normal area and this will be hard from some to accept. Jesus will not be dissuaded by culture, social barriers, religion or the opinion of others. He knows that the end result will be worth it all.
- ⇒ Jesus is PURPOSEFUL. This meeting is part of his divine plan. The time and place are not an accident. He didn't have to go through Samaria. He didn't have to stop at this well. He didn't have to engage this woman.

### 2. Assessing the Home (vv. 7-15)

John 4:7-15

*A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."<sup>8</sup> (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.)<sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."<sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?<sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock."<sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,<sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."<sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."*

- ⇒ As with all home renovations, you have to assess the home and decide the best way to go about your renovations. Jesus engages her in a spiritual discussion but she doesn't yet understand. She is amazed that He is speaking with her let alone desiring a drink from her hands. However, she still isn't ready to open her life up to him...not yet anyway.
- ⇒ Jesus is RELATIONAL.
- ⇒ Jesus will engage her in three areas of desire/want/need.  
1) Personal/tangibles, 2) People, 3) Spiritual (worship)

### 3. Renovating the Home (vv. 16-26)

John 4:16-26

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." <sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." <sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

- ⇒ As with all home renovations, you have to tear out the items that need changing. During the process of renovating, the house may actually look worse before it looks better. Jesus reveals problems in her life but quickly moves to the renovative solution.
- ⇒ Jesus is radically different from all the rest. He wants to set her free from her old life and give her a brand new life that will satisfy forever.
- ⇒ God desires you to follow Him and worship Him in spirit and truth.

### Is it time for a "home" reno in your life?

- ⇒ Do you constantly struggle with a recurring problem?
- ⇒ When times are tough, do you run to an addiction to find temporary relief?
- ⇒ Is there an area in your life that Jesus is exposing . . . maybe even a painful one?
- ⇒ Did God bring something to mind this morning that is bothering you?
- ⇒ Will you take the "living water" that Jesus is offering?
- ⇒ Will you allow Jesus to renovate your life?
- ⇒ Did you know that God promises to forgive our sins if we repent? (1 John 1:9) It doesn't matter how bad the sin or how many times. God cannot lie and He promised to forgive and forget! The Greek word for "repentance" literally means to have a change of mind about that wrong. It has the idea of doing an about-face from the things you have been doing. God loves you and wants to forgive you.
- ⇒ Did you know that God loves you so much that Jesus left heaven and came to earth for you? He lived a perfect life and freely sacrificed His life on the cross so that you can have eternal life. (John 3:16) The Bible says "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31).
- ⇒ God wants you to have an abundant life. (John 10:10b)

<sup>16</sup> "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.  
<sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."  
John 3:16-17

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