

## John 4

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." 8 For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.

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.

### • The Prejudice Barrier

- Satan has used prejudice to thwart the progress of God's people throughout history.
  - Prejudice against women
  - Racism
  - Economic Prejudice
- **Smash the Prejudice barrier by never allowing your fears to dictate how you treat anybody or how you receive from anybody; react to others according to Biblical principles.**

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."

11 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?"

### • The Carnality Barrier

- This barrier severely limits the impact of most Christian lives.
- The carnality barrier is missing out on spiritual truths and exploits because your mind is so wrapped up with earth-based thinking.
  - When your mind is distracted by this physical life, you miss out on spiritual things.
  - When your mind tries to understand spiritual things by applying worldly rules, you are kept from understanding spiritual things because they won't make sense.
  - When your mind is guided by your emotions and senses, you will not act in faith.
    - This barrier is present when people expect the Holy Spirit to move their lips and tongue when He moves in them to speak in tongues.
    - This barrier is responsible for the whole "Well, that's just not me" excuse.
- **Smash the carnality barrier by being born again, earnestly praying for God to transform your thinking, studying the Word of God, and memorizing the Word of God.**

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?"

## • The Pride Barrier

- The "Who do you think you are?" attitude will block the movement of the Spirit.
  - Those who will not receive instruction or correction will not receive the movement of the Spirit in them or through them.
  - Pride will keep us from the movement of the Spirit because the Bible says that God is repelled by prideful people.
    - **James 4:6**  
But He gives more grace. Therefore He says:  
"God resists the proud,  
But gives grace to the humble."
  - The Holy Spirit only works with willing people.
- **Smash the pride barrier by believing that Jesus died for your sins, was buried, and rose again so that you no longer live for yourself—you live for Christ.**

<sup>13</sup> Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

<sup>15</sup> The woman said to Him, "Sir, **give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw.**"

## • The Selfishness Barrier

- The selfishness barrier is wanting to get your own need met without a thought of helping others.
  - God does want to meet your need, but there is a need to witness for Jesus to meet the needs of others.
  - Much of the Spirit's power in people's lives is limited because they have don't reach out and minister to others.
- When you minister to others, the flow of the Holy Spirit grows from inside you spilling out to others. Therefore, your needs are met through the flow of the Holy Spirit out of you for others.
- **Smash the selfishness barrier by prioritizing the needs of others above your needs.**

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here."

<sup>17</sup> The woman answered and said, "**I have no husband.**"

Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,' <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly."

## • The Dishonesty Barrier

- Lying to the Holy Ghost will put a barrier up against Him.
  - Saying you'll do things you won't do.
  - Saying that things are ok when they are certainly not ok.
    - Often lying to ourselves precedes the lies we tell to others.
  - Changing Scripture to mean things it clearly does not mean.
- **Break the dishonesty barrier by refusing to lie to yourself or anybody else at any time about anything.**

- Balance! This doesn't mean to tell everybody everything all the time. If it's not wise to bring something up or you're not ready, just say so. Don't lie about it.

19 The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship."

- **The Religion Barrier**

- The religion barrier happens when we use our traditions as an argument against going along with the Holy Spirit's leading.
- There is nothing wrong with some of our traditions, but don't use that to keep you from being baptized in the Holy Ghost.
- **Smash the religion barrier by being more concerned with what the Bible says and what the Holy Spirit is telling you than you are with keeping traditions and policies in place.**

21 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. 22 You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. 23 But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. 24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

25 The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things."

26 Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He."

- Jesus did not use the word Spirit until verse 21, and when He did talk about the Spirit, she began to talk about the Messiah!
  - **When we emphasize the Holy Spirit, He will emphasize Jesus.**

27 And at this point His disciples came, and they marveled that He talked with a woman; yet no one said, "What do You seek?" or, "Why are You talking with her?"

28 The woman then left her water pot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, 29 "Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?" 30 Then they went out of the city and came to Him.

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39 And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all that I ever did." 40 So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. 41 And many more believed because of His own word.

42 Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world."

- Amazing to think that she had 6 broken relationships and 6 barriers to the Spirit.
  - **Your broken relationships will often turn into barriers between you and God.**
- The seventh man in her life was the perfect man!