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BIBLE STUDY

SERIES: "SHIFTING THE CULTURE"



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Opening Scripture

John 4:5-18

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plot of ground that Jacob gave to
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Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from *His* journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

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For His disciples had
gone away into the city to
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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.

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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.”

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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?”

Verse: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?

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Jesus answered and said to her, “Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again,

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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.”

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The woman said to Him,
“sir, give me this water, that I
may not thirst, nor come here
to draw.

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Jesus said to her, “Go, call
your husband, and come
here.”

Verse:17

The woman answered and said,
“I have no husband.” Jesus said
to her, “You have well said, I
have no husband;

Verse:18

For you have had five husbands,
and the one who you now have
is not your husband; in that you
spoke truly.”

Tonight's Topic:

“Elevate”



Elevate

To raise to a more
important or impressive
level.

Elevating Scriptures:

- **Psalm 61:12** “Lead me to the rock that is higher than I”
- **Isaiah 40:31** “They shall mount on wings as eagles”
- **Matthew 17:1-2** Jesus took Peter, James and John up on a high mountain, where they experience His glory

Elevating Will:

- Raise Standards
- Lift Others
- Expand Reach
- Increase Exposure

Raising Standards

We're not staying where
we are; we're going
higher.

Lifting Others

Great leaders elevate
those around them.

Expanding Reach
To elevate is to extend
beyond our current
impact.

Increase Exposure

More people will see and hear
about you for the right reason.

(Amplifying your Mission)

Barriers

What are some barriers
that keep people from
elevating?

Barriers

1. Limited Mindset
2. Unresolved Issues
3. Environments
4. Resisting the Process

1. Limited Mindset

- Small Thinking
- Fearful of change
- Normalized Average
- Victim Mindset

2. Unresolved Issues

- Emotional wounds , disappointments and trauma can anchor people to pass seasons.
- Guilt, shame and unforgiveness can disqualify you from rising.
- Healing and elevation work hand in hand.

3. Environments

Being surrounded by
people who don't believe,
dream or grow can limit
your elevation



4. Resisting the Process

God elevates through
pruning, refining and
stretching.

Questions to Ponder On...

- What are some of my barriers?
- What are some practical steps I can take to break through cultural ceilings?
- How can I help elevate my church culture?

The Woman at the Well

The woman at the well is one of the most powerful biblical accounts of transformation, revelation and elevation.

Jesus

- Crosses boundaries
- Confronts
- Lifts the woman's life to a new level

Elevation Ingredients:

1. Candidate
2. Conversation
3. Confront

Elevation

Is not accidental, or
coincidental its **intentional!**

1. Candidate

A person that is suitable
for a position.

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The Woman

- She's a Samaritan
 - (Outsider to the Jews)
- She's a Woman
 - (Men didn't engage women alone in culture)
- Shame
 - (she comes to the well at noon to avoid others)

2. Conversation

Is a form of communication that involves both listening and speaking, allowing for mutual exchange.

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The Conversation

The conversation is the gateway to the woman's transformation and elevation.

Shifting Conversation

- ✓ Physical water to spiritual water
- ✓ She is thinking temporal. He is thinking eternal
- ✓ Jesus shifted her desire

3. Confronting

Face up and deal with a problem or a situation.

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Confronts Her:

- Jesus confronts her past
- Jesus confronts her present
- Jesus confronts her pain
- Elevation requires all the above

Closing Thought:

Elevating will allow you to
shift the culture, but it gets
personal before it become
profitable!