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Unit I: Called from the Margins of Society

Subject: Different, but the Same

Text: John 4: 7-15, 28-30, 39-41

Key Verse:

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 (John 4: 39, KJV).

Lesson Pointers:

- 1) Confronting Societal Barriers (John 4: 7-9)
- 2) Confronting Spiritual Blindness (John 4: 10-15)
- 3) Hearing, Seeing, Believing (John 4: 28-30, 39-41)

Introduction:

JESUS CHRIST encounter with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well of the city of Samaria, which is called Sychar. This appointment was one of divine purpose in which **JESUS CHRIST** would publicly for the first time acknowledge that **HE (JESUS CHRIST)** was and is the Messiah. When we encounter or come into the presence of the **SON of GOD JESUS CHRIST** who knows all about us, we cannot remain the same; we become different, but the same, because we have been in the presence of the Most High **GOD**. The Samaritan woman was the same person who believed in **JESUS CHRIST** as the Messiah and could not keep this revelation to herself, she went to her city and told all that she had met the Messiah the **SON of GOD**, saying, come and see, a man who told me every thing I did.

Lesson Pointer # 1

- Confronting Societal Barriers (John 4: 7-9)

JESUS CHRIST continues to fulfill **HIS** mission of seeking to save those who are the outcast of society, and prove that **GOD** is no respecter of persons, by breaking down the societal barriers that marginalized them. Now, while **JESUS CHRIST** was at Jacob's well, weary and thirsty from **HIS** journey to Samaria, the purpose for which **HE (JESUS CHRIST)** came to Samaria showed up, the Samaritan woman who would be converted came to draw water (John 4: 6-7a). **JESUS CHRIST** initiated the conversation with the Samaritan woman at the well that would be a life-changing encounter; saying, "give me to drink" (John 4: 7b). **JESUS CHRIST'S** disciples had gone to buy food and **JESUS CHRIST** was alone (John 4: 8). After **JESUS CHRIST** had asked the woman to give **HIM** to drink; the Samaritan woman said unto, **JESUS CHRIST**, how is it that you being a Jew, ask me to give you drink, which am a woman of Samaria? For the Jew have no dealings with the Samaritans (John 4: 9). Now in order for one to confront societal barriers, one must be willing to initiate the conversation that will bring forth a change within our society. You, see the injustice would be different, but the society will be the same.

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Lesson Pointer # 2

- **Confronting Spiritual Blindness (John 4: 10-15)**

Now, JESUS CHRIST went on to say unto the Samaritan woman, if you knew the gift of GOD, (the Holy Spirit), and of whom it is (JESUS CHRIST the Messiah) that says unto you, give me to drink, you would asked of HIM (JESUS CHRIST the Messiah), and HE would give you living water (John 4: 10). The Samaritan woman said unto JESUS CHRISIT, Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, the well is deep; so, how is it that you have living water (John 4: 11). The woman said, and another thing are thy greater than our father Jacob, which gave us this well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and cattle (John 4: 12). JESUS CHRIST wanted the Samaritan woman to know that who soever drank of this water shall thirst again (John 4: 13). But the water that JESUS CHRIST shall give unto those who believe in HIM shall never thirst; but shall be in them a well of water springing up into everlasting life (John 4: 14). JESUS CHRIST had to move the Samaritan woman from the physical ream to the Spiritual ream or insight. So, that she would believe the words of JESUS CHRIST. Now the Samaritan woman was in the right state of mind to believe, so, she said to JESUS CHRIST, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come to the well to draw (John 4: 15). DO understand that our flaws paved the way for JESUS CHRIST to get to heart of our blindness, and reveal unto us our need for salvation, and for JESUS CHRIST to reveal HIMSELF to us as the Messiah. The Samaritan woman was blind to the fact that her salvation was not needed, but JESUS CHRIST show her flawlessness and revealed her need for salvation, and revealed for the first time publicly that HE was and is the Messiah. When we confront our Spiritual Blindness through JESUS CHRIST, HE reveals HIMSELF to us and our need for salvation.

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Lesson Pointer # 3

- **Hearing, Seeing, Believing (John 4: 28-30, 39-41)**

The Samaritan woman upon hearing, and encountering JESUS CHRIST, gave her the encouragement to eagerly go and share the GOOD NEW with her village, and encouraging them to come and see HIM (JESUS CHRIST the Messiah) for themselves (John 4: 28-30). The Samaritan woman encounter with JESUS CHRIST gave her the courage to disregard her society societal barriers of her time, and invite the men of her village to come and see this stranger who told me of my personal life and all I had done. When we know who JESUS is we will have no trouble breaking barriers to bring others to JESUS CHRIST. The effect of the Samaritan woman witnessing of JESUS CHRIST, many believed based on her testimony (John 4: 39). Now, when the Samaritans came to JESUS CHRIST, they urged JESUS CHRIST to stay with them, and JESUS CHRIST granted them their request and stayed two days. Because of JESUS CHRIST'S words many more became believers (John 4: 40-41). Unbelievers, whether outcasts or the elite, are different, but they all are the same regarding their needing of the living water that JESUS CHRIST offers. We as Christian have to recognize the very importance of seeing JESUS CHRIST for ourselves. Then, and only then, we will be motivated to witness effectively to all we encounter, telling them of the ONE, JESUS CHRIST, who can save anybody.