

The Jesus Experiment: He Gave Hope to the Vulnerable

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The Story: Jesus talks with a Samaritan Woman (John 4:1-42)

The Jesus Experiment

What did Jesus feel and think?

- 1. It's ok to be with the Samaritans**
- 2. He felt sympathy for the woman who arrived alone in the middle of the day**
 - Didn't see the woman as one to be hated and shunned but saw her as...
 - A human soul in need of rest
 - A woman in need of acceptance
- 3. God you have arranged this meeting for me to be a blessing**

What did Jesus say and do?

- Ignored the racial and religious barriers
- He gave respect
- He gave hope
- He proved trustworthy
- He spoke the ultimate truth

Jesus built a relationship and bridge with this woman was able to share the hope of the gospel with her and then the entire village.

What do I feel and think?

- What barriers exist that keep me from interacting with the vulnerable?
- Do I have eyes to see the needs around me?
- Do we expect God to arrange divine appointments for us?

What do I say and do?

- 1. Seek the vulnerable and invest in their lives**
 - Ignore the barriers
 - Give respect
 - Give hope
 - Prove yourself trustworthy
 - Speak the ultimate truth

The Big Idea: Be looking for the vulnerable and be ready to give hope!

Going Deeper:

Hope to the Vulnerable		
What did Jesus...	What do I...	
<p>Feel? Possibly, Jesus felt sympathy for the woman alone at the well in the heat of the day. In admitting his physical thirst (John 4:7), Jesus identified with our human weakness.</p>	<p>Feel when self-focused?</p>	<p>Feeling when abiding in Jesus?</p>
<p>Think? Jesus thought it was proper to associate with Samaritans, unlike most Jews at the time. (John 4:9) That this woman needed acceptance and living water. (John 4:10-11)</p>	<p>Think when self-focused?</p>	<p>Think when abiding in Jesus?</p>
<p>Say? “Will you give me a drink?” (John 4:7) “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.” (John 4:10) “The water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” (John 4:14)</p>	<p>Say when self-focused?</p>	<p>Say when abiding in Jesus?</p>
<p>Do? He sat down by the well. (John 4:6) He engaged in conversation with the woman. (John 4:7-26) He instructed the disciples. (John 4:32-38) When the Samaritans urged him to stay with them, he stayed two days. (John 4:40)</p>	<p>Do when self-focused?</p>	<p>Do when abiding in Jesus?</p>