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When God Gets a Hold of Your Life
John 4:1-42

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1. Detect _____ (vv.7-15)

2. Get _____ (vv.16-20)

3. See _____ (vv.25-30)

4. Put _____ (vv.39-42)

7 A woman from 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 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.) 10 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." 11 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?" 12 Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." 13 Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14 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." 15 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." 16 Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." 17 The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." 19 The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." ... 25 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." 26 Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." ... 28 So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, 29 "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" 30 They went out of the town and were coming to him. ... 39 Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." 40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. 41 And many more believed because of his word. 42 They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world." (ESV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Jeremiah 2:12-13**. As the fourth-century theologian Augustine wrote, "God has made us for himself, and our hearts are restless until they find rest in him." What are some of the "cisterns" you have turned to in your attempts to quench that innate restlessness?
2. Read **Ecclesiastes 2:1-17**. What subjects listed in this passage are ones relentlessly promoted in our modern culture as avenues through which we are supposed to find ultimate meaning and purpose in life?
3. Read **Isaiah 55:1-7**. Many today try to hold out the hope of a fulfilling connection with God without ever leading people to deal with their problem of sin. Why do you think this is such an unthinkable proposition in the pages of the Bible?
4. Read **Luke 18:9-14**. According to this teaching of Jesus, why is it that "good people" (relatively speaking) often fail to get right with God?
5. Read **James 2:14-26**. When people sincerely have biblical faith, it changes their lives. How does the comparison in verse 19 help you understand the difference between "believing" and "believing in" Christ?

The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:

Go to ESV.org (Reading Plans: Though the Bible) for schedule prompts.

March 31st

Judg. 3-5 & Lk. 7:31-50

April 1st

Judg. 6-7 & Lk. 8:1-21

April 2nd

Judg. 8-9 & Lk. 8:22-56

April 3rd

Judg. 10-11 & Lk. 9:1-36

April 4th

Judg. 12-14 & Lk. 9:37-62

April 5th

Judg. 15-17 & Lk. 10:1-24

April 6th

Judg. 18-19 & Lk. 10:25-42

April 7th

Judg. 20-21 & Lk. 11:1-28

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. # 12-12 – ***Real Change from the Inside Out***

Msg. # 07-09 – ***Living Life with the Hope of a New Purpose***

Msg. # 11-13 – ***Water from the Rock: How One Friday Christ Provided All We Need***

Msg. # 08-14 – ***How to Get Eternal Life: The Things that Stand in the Way***

Msg. # 06-14 – ***A Crash Course in Repentance and Faith***

Msg. # 11-14 – ***Did It Really Happen? Why We Actually Believe in the Resurrection***

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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Piper, John. ***Desiring God: Meditations of a Christian Hedonist***. Multnomah Press, 1996.

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