***Making The Most Of Divine Appointments***

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***Make the Most of Divine Appointments by…***

**John 4**  (ESV)

[1] Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John [2] (although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples), [3] he left Judea and departed again for Galilee. [4] And he had to pass through Samaria. [5] So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. [6] Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

[7a] A woman from Samaria came to draw water.

**1. Being driven by a divine mission** (v 1-7a)

**John 4:4** **–** And he had to pass through Samaria.

**Other divine “had to(s)” in Scripture**

**John 3:14-15 –** And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, **15** that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

**John 20:9 –** that he must rise from the dead.

**God has a specific plan to accomplish His mission**

A specific place, a specific time, a specific person

**God has a specific reason for His mission**

**For the non-believer here today. God brought you hear to hear the Gospel.**

*The Gospel is that God is our holy Creator and righteous Judge. He created us to glorify Him and enjoy Him forever, but we have all sinned, both in Adam as our representative head, and in our own individual actions (Romans 5:12; 3:23). We therefore deserve death – spiritual separation from God in hell (Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:3) – and are in fact already spiritually stillborn, helpless in our sins (Psalm 51:5; Romans 5:6-8; Ephesians 2:1) and in need of God to impart spiritual life to us (Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 3:3). But God send His Son Jesus Christ, fully God and fully man (Philippians 2:5-11), to die the death that we deserved, and He raised Him up for our justification, proving that He was God’s Son (Romans 5:1; 1:4). If we would have Christ’s perfect righteousness credited to us, and the penalty for our sins accounted to Him, we must repent of our sins and believe in Jesus Christ for salvation (2 Corinthians 5:21; Mark 1:14-15).*

**For the believer here today. God has given you an important role.**

**2 Corinthians 5:11-21 -** We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God.

**Acts 1:8 -** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

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[7b] 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.” [21] Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. [22] You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. [23] But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people 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 (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.”

**2. Focusing on divine truths (v 7b-26)**

1. **Speak of the Eternal (v 7-15)**

**John 4:10** **-** “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.”

Living Water is a gift from God, comes to those who ask of God, comes through Jesus, is eternal life with God

**John 7:37-39 -** “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. **38** Whoever believes in me, asthe Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” **39** Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

1. **Address sin (v 16-19)**

**John 4:17-18** - “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.”

Sin causes separation, brings shame, and is not satisfying

**Ephesians 2:1-10 -** ButGod, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ.

1. **Correct faulty worship (v 20-24)**

**John 4:23-24** – “But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. **24** God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

True Worship must include spirit and truth

**1 Peter 3:18 –** For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit

1. **Reveal the Messiah (v 25-26)**

**John 4:26 –** “I who speak to you am he.”

In John, Jesus is…The Son of God (John 1:18), The Lamb of God (John 1:29), God (John 8:58), The Resurrection and the life (John 11:25)

**Exodus 3:14 –** God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I am has sent me to you.’

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[27] Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you seek?” or, “Why are you talking with her?” [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.”

**4. Pointing to the Divine Savior (v27 -30; 39-42)**

1. Tell your salvation story

Your story is unique, removes fear, and is authentic.

1. Use the Word of God

**Hebrews 4:12** – For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

1. Invite them to events where they will hear the Gospel

**Commitment: Mindful that God is at work around me, I will make an effort in every conversation, to tell about the Savior of the world!**