

I Found - Week 3

I Found Boldness

John 4:1-4 (NKJV)—Therefore, when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John 2 (though Jesus Himself did not baptize, but His disciples), 3 He left Judea and departed again to Galilee. 4 But He needed to go through Samaria.

Has God ever spoke to you about doing the same?

Helping someone different than you (what will people think)

Talking to someone that everybody else in your little group shuns

Walking through Samaria when everyone else is taking the long way around

It's the dark corners that need a light, but to light up a dark corner, you can't be afraid of the dark.

NEWS FLASH: Your purpose and God's plan for your life involve people who are different than you!

What's driving you to do what you do?

Are you driven to pursue your purpose or to please people?

John 4:5-6 (NKJV)—So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. 6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

There is a good chance that Jesus had been walking all day.

It was 90+ miles from Judea to Galilee

John 4:7 (NKJV)—A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink."

Where we would have seen an obstacle to our pleasure Jesus saw an opportunity for His purpose.

John 4:8-9 (NKJV)—For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. 9 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.

Jesus boldly bypasses what society says about her and looks to her heart.

Jesus was bold enough to approach this woman from a place of humility.

He was bold enough to let the Father's plan carry Him wherever He needed to go.

He was bold enough to let His purpose lead Him to someone who needed an encounter with the love of God.

Fear locks you up, but love opens you up.

1 John 4:18 (NIV)—There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear

John 4:31-34 (NKJV)—31 They urged him to eat, 32 But He said to them, “I have food to eat of which you do not know.” 33 Therefore the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought Him anything to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.”

This is purpose: To do the will of Him who sent me.

This is being driven to pursue purpose and not to please people.

But what can I do? Where can I help?

John 4:35 (NKJV)—Do you not say, ‘There are still four months and then comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!

Every interaction is an opportunity to make a difference.

John 4:36 (NKJV)—And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together.37 For in this the saying is true: ‘One sows and another reaps.’ 38 I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors.”

Your purpose has a place in the process.

Find it, fulfill it, and make a difference—you can help expand the Kingdom of God.