

LIVING HOPE!

Jesus and the Samaritan Woman *John 4 (NIV)*

1. Jesus brings **HOPE** to the **HOPELESS**
 - a. Biblical hope is a confident expectation that God's promises will come true
 - b. The Samaritan woman was the definition of hopelessness UNTIL she met Jesus, the definition of hope
 - c. Jesus will go to the ends of the earth to give you hope if you are His
2. The hope of Jesus **SATISFIES** more than anything in this world
 - a. **John 4:13** *Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."*
 - b. You were made BY God FOR God, which is why the only thing that will satisfy is living out God's purpose for your life — to glorify His name
3. The hope of Jesus **RADICALLY CHANGES** our lives
 - a. The Samaritan woman's checkered past was turned from a source of shame to a source of praise, and it became a testament to God's power through her!
 - b. **2 Corinthians 12:9** *"But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me."*

A Practical Guide to Finding Hope

- **STUDY** God's word
 - **Psalm 119:105** *Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.*
- **REMEMBER** God's faithfulness
 - **Psalm 77:11** *I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago.*
- **STIR** each other up
 - **Hebrews 10:24 (ESV)** *Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to STIR UP one another to love and good works, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the day drawing near.*
- These practices will help you focus on the "unseen" vs. the "seen", so that you can find your hope in God and His unseen purposes for your life
 - **2 Corinthians 4:18** *So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.*
- Hope is a person, and His name is Jesus
- And **BECAUSE HE LIVES**, you can face tomorrow