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Scripture: John 4:4-15

John 4 Theme: Transformational Encounters with Jesus Christ!

Topic: Breaking Down Barriers & Opening Up to Christ

- A Destined Destination (v. 4)
  - It was an Appointed Time of Meeting
    - It was not about a convenient travel route.
    - There was Divine Goal.
  - Samaria: During the Time of Jesus, Israel was divided into three provinces- Galilee (North), Samaria (Intermediate), & Judea (South).

- Jesus Transforms an Ordinary Place into a Life-Changing Destination (vv. 5-6)
  - Sychar
    - It was not a well-known place.
    - Maybe the same place as *Shechem*, an ancient fortified city in central Canaan and the first capital of the Northern Kingdom of Israel (Genesis 33:18).
  - Jacob's Well

- An Appointed Time (v. 6)
    - Noon
    - The Barrier of Time
- Jesus Destroys the Barriers to Divine Purpose and Transformation (vv. 7-9)
    - Samaritans and Jews in the First Century
        - Historical, Political, Social, and Cultural Barries
        - Religious Barriers: Ceremonial Contamination
    - Misdirected Anger and Discrimination
        - We spend too much time hurting and hating each other, rather than helping each other and focusing on the Kingdom of God.
        - _____ and Separation are our Enemy (1 John 4:7-21)
        - _____ and Discord are our Enemy (Proverbs 6:16-19)
        - _____ Forces are our Enemy (Matthew 16:17-18)
        - _____ is our Enemy (Amos 5:14-15)
    - God's Blessings Can Come in Unexpected Ways
- A Conditional Opportunity for Spiritual Fulfillment (v. 10)
    - We have to <u>seek</u> transformation and change. (Amos 5:5a ***Seek Me And Live***….)
    - We have to be _____ in our Relationship with God.
    - We have to remove known Barriers and _____ to our Spiritual Growth.
- A Genuine Desire for Spiritual Fulfillment (vv. 11-12)

    - A Barrier of Limited _____ and _____.
        - She needed the correct view about _____.
        - She needed the correct view about _____.

- Shifting Towards Spiritual Thinking (vv. 13-14)

- A Proper Response (v. 15)