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BIBLE STUDY

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Scripture: John 4:16-26

John 4 Theme: Transformational Encounters with Jesus Christ!

Topic: Spiritual Mindshift

- A ***Mindshift*** is a deep, foundational change in how you perceive the world, approach challenges, and interpret your reality. A ***Spiritual Mindshift*** is changing to perceive the world, challenges, and reality in the ways God wants us to view things, and aligning our actions in accordance with Divine wisdom and understanding.

- A Gradual Spiritual Mindshift Towards Salvation and Service
    - She saw Jesus as just a Man (potential mate)
    - She saw Jesus as simply a "Sir"
    - She saw Jesus as only a Prophet
    - She saw Jesus as only a Religious and Ethnic Rival
    - Finally, a Realization that Jesus was the Messiah (Christ)!
    - Jesus is Patient with Her Spiritual Awakening
- An Unusual Provocation (v. 16-18)
    - Why Did Jesus Change the Conversation to Personal Relationships?
        - Interesting Fact: This was NOT about calling out her sins!
        - This was about shifting her Mindset

- The Samaritan Woman's Intriguing Test of Jesus (v. 19-21)
    - She had a different idea of a Prophet

- Mount Gerizim Vs Jerusalem
- Shifting the Mindset of Spiritual Superiority
- Shifting the Mindset of Limited Worship
    - Ritual is Very Important, but it is NOT the Ultimate Goal

- Correct Theological Mindset for Worship (v. 22)

- Mindshift Worship (v. 23-24)
    - Genuine Worshipers
        - Genuine Worship has to be Truthful
        - Genuine Worship has to be Reflected in Actions
    - Worship
        - Worship is a Mindset- An Attitude
            - Acknowledgment of God as God
            - Respect for God
            - Humility
        - Embodiment of Worship
            - Postures of Worship
                - Prostration (Job 1:20; Nehemiah 8:6)
                - Kneeling (Psalm 95:6)
                - Standing (Psalm 134:1)
                - Lifting Hands, Clapping Hands, Weaving Hands (Psalm 47:1)
                - Dancing (Psalm 149:3)
                - Singing, Shouting, Praying (Psalm 96:1-3)
            - Activist Worship
        - Worship in Spirit
            - Spiritual
                - A Matter of the Heart
                - Through the Power of the Holy Spirit
                - Through the Authority of Jesus Christ
            - Genuine
            - Wholeheartedly
        - Worship in Truth
            - Sound/True Teachings and Beliefs
            - Trusting in God
            - A Reflection of the Nature of God
        - This is the Kind of Worship that God Desires & is Seeking!

- Mindshift About the Messiah (v.25-26)
    - Theological Mindshift
        - She thought she knew what she needed to know about the Messiah