

Rolling Hills Community Church
“Relationships the Way God Intended -
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Worship Transforms All our Relationships
John 4:1-38

The Invitation to Worship (vs. 4-10)

“Now he had to go through Samaria. So He came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired as He was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, ‘Will you give me a drink?’ (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, ‘You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?’ (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans). Jesus answered her, ‘If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water.’”

In the Old Testament, the people came to God in order to worship Him.

But, through Jesus, God comes to us...He invites us to Him, and personally invites us to worship. Worship begins when we meet Jesus.

The Requirements in Worship (vs. 19-26)

“‘Sir, the woman said, ‘I can see that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.’ Jesus declared, ‘Believe Me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit and His worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.’ The woman said, ‘I know that Messiah (called Christ) is coming. When He comes, He will explain everything to us.’ Then Jesus declared, “I who speak to you am He.””

Worship is not about a place, a building, or about a physical posture.

The worship God requires happens in two ways:

In Spirit, any time and any place, and **In Truth**, honestly coming before God

The Transformation from Worship (vs. 27-30 and 35)

“Just then His disciples returned and were surprised to find Him talking with a woman. But no one asked, ‘What do you want?’ or ‘Why are you talking with her?’ Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people. ‘Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Christ?’ They came out of the town and made their way toward him...I tell you, open your eyes and look to the fields! They are ripe for harvest.”

When we come into the Presence of Jesus, we begin to see things differently – our lives are transformed and our relationships with others are impacted for the glory of God.

- The Samaritan Women
 - o “Left her water jug” – she left her old way of life – and she went back to her family and friends in order to invite them to Jesus!
- The Disciples
 - o “Open your eyes and look...” Jesus implores His disciples to live with a different agenda toward all those around them. To see the needs and the opportunities to invite others to Jesus.

As we experience Jesus in worship, all of our life and all our relationships will be transformed