

Conversations Series
The Samaritan Woman (Woman At The Well)
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Opening/Introduction

-read John 4:3-26 (proskumeo – to bow in deference to)

-pray

-(some comments on series)

-Let's talk about worship tonight...worship as acts of expression and praise through music that declare God's glory and our devotion to Him. But we can't truly understand worship until we first understand its source.

The Conversation about Worship (many trails to follow...going to pick one)

-verse 9: They despised one another (McCarthy/Pelosi, Fox/CNN, Carlson/Lemon) ***[dissension inhibits worship]***

-verse 12-15: water in deserts, Jesus using a physical desire to teach her about a spiritual need (story of CCF and train trip to DC) ***[a lack of spiritual awareness inhibits worship]***

-verse 21: this would have been blasphemous in Jesus' day to minimize the significance of Jerusalem being the only place for temple worship. ***[over adherence to religious tradition inhibits worship]***

-verses 23-24: this is the key verse for message tonight... ***[without the source, there can be no true worship...from inhibit to impossible]***

The Source of Worship

-If we are going to understand Jesus' words in verse 24, we need to go back to what he said in verses 10-14.

-John 4:10-14

-The reason why Jesus' words in verses 23 and 24 are in a future tense is because He has not yet died on the cross, making away for us to be born again (two weeks from now message).

-(preach on what Adam and Eve lost to humanity and how Jesus restored the indwelling Holy Spirit.)

-The indwelling Holy Spirit is The Source for worship!

-Anyone can sing songs to God and sing songs about God. True worship only happens when the Holy Spirit is within us AND when that worship is instructed by Scripture!

In Spirit and In Truth

-If you are here tonight and you have made a vow of devotion to Jesus, the Holy Spirit is inside of you AND there is a shout of praise that is waiting escape your mouth...don't be Alcatraz! (a praise prison!)

-(tell story of San Francisco and touring Alcatraz)

-(tell story of boat horn...you can't keep that noise form coming out!!!)

-Luke 19:40 (triumphal entry)

-Psalmic Worship (In Truth)

- Standing ovation** (Psalm 47:1)
- Applause** (Psalm 41:1)
- Dancing** (Psalm 149:3)
- Shouting** (Psalm 132:9)
- Lifting hands** (1 Timothy 2:8)
- Singing** (Psalm 96:1-2)
- Quietness** (Psalm 46:10)
- Instruments** (Psalm 150)
- Spiritual Songs** (Ephesians 5:18-19)

-And when that shout of praise breaks forth...the hope of the Holy Spirit is to become a flow of worship pouring out from your life for...not just a momentary eruption...but as a river of worship flowing for eternity!

-an ancient experience in a modern context!!!

The Flow Liberates

- 1 Samuel 16:14-23 (ref. only / tormenting spirit...)
- worship isn't a sing along...battling for freedom
- Will you be a David to a Saul on Saturdays?
- Acts 16:22-28

The Flow Stirs

- acts of expression lead to feelings of intimacy...
- the multi-billion dollar greeting card industry...
- principle on how to affair proof your marriage...
- Psalm 148...look at verse 14, not just poetic, it's instructive!!!!
- The accusation: "That's just emotion." YES!!!! AND you need some!!!!

The Flow Inspires

-Rev. Dr. Katie Hohmann...someone from whom I learned so much about Pentecostal theology...she like to say that Psalmic worship was charismatic people being stained glass windows for one another.

Watch someone yawn, and try not to yawn yourself. It can be impossible to resist. Even reading about yawning can make you do it. Now, a new study offers insight into why contagious yawning is such a powerful force.

Yawning when others yawn, the study suggests, is a sign of empathy and a form of social bonding. Kids don't develop this deeply rooted behavior until around age four, the study found. Kids with autism are half as likely to catch yawns. In the most severe cases, they never do.

Yawning might eventually help doctors diagnose developmental disorders. The work could also lead to a better understanding of the subtle ways that people communicate and connect. (Discovery.com)

-Psalm 40:3

-(talk about people thinking a spot light is coming on..."we have first time hand raisers in isle 4...") Are you going to let insecurity stop you from being an inspiration to someone?

The Flow Postures

-Psalm 73:25,28

-Psalm 42:1-2

-Numbers 6:24-26

-There is nothing on this earth like the feeling of being seen by God!

-Hebrews 4:13/Proverbs 5:21 -- (ref. only) not threats, promises!!!

Band

-Psalm 22:3 (ref. KJV, NASB, NIV, and read Amplified)

>we don't subscribe to the idea that praise invites God's presence...we believe worship awakens us to His presence that is already everywhere!

Close

-1 Kings 18:30...some of you need to repair your altar of worship.