

One of the greatest needs everyone has is the need to be accepted. While there are major problems when we give in to that “need”, wanting to be accepted still remains a powerful driving reality.

How refreshing it then, when we discover that there can actually be people who don’t judge us and accept us for who we are.

In the story of the woman at the well found in John 4, Jesus strikes up a conversation with a woman who has a storied past. He did not shy away from her, but he engaged her. Because of that one thing ( accepting her), Jesus was able to earn the opportunity to have a life-changing conversation with this Samaritan woman.

We are called to be the aroma of Christ in our world. That means we have to see all people as possibilities. We have to accept people and love them as Jesus would.

Take a look at Titus 3:3-7. What does this passage tells us about ourselves and how does it help us to view others? Romans tells us that no one is without sin, yet it seems so often that people in the Church expect others to be perfect. Barriers are things that we must get passed if we are going to continue to make connections for Christ.

The connection with the Samaritan woman opened the door for other connections. She seemed compelled to share the good news she herself had received.

Read Acts 4:19-20

Peter and John were compelled to share the good news. What have you seen and heard about Jesus that you're ready to share with others?

Who have you considered connecting with in order to share that news?

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**“Not So” Chance Encounters With Jesus**

*The Woman At the Well*

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John 4:1-30 ; 39-42

**When Jesus **has** to, He **wants** to.**

Phil 2:5 - 8    1 John 3:16

**Jesus was **blind** to **barriers**.**

Matt 11:19    Gal 3:28

**Jesus presents **possibilities**.**

John 10:10    Ro 6:23

**Jesus calls all people to **belief**.**

Ac 16:31    John 3:36

**Enthusiasm breeds **enthusiasm**.**

Acts 1:8    Acts 22:15    Rom 10:14