



## Declaration

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WEEK 4

### WARM-UP

- How do you feel about public speaking? Why?
- Tell about a time that you finally met someone you'd only heard about before.
- What is one fact that you found unbelievable when you first heard it?

**WORD** <sup>25</sup>*The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things."* <sup>26</sup>*Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."*

**JOHN 4:25,26**

(Read also **JOHN 4:7-30,39-42.**)

Jesus began a conversation with a Samaritan woman who had come to the well to draw water. She had likely been surprised, because He was a Rabbi and she was a woman; He was a Jew, she was a Samaritan. In their culture, for both cases, He should not have spoken to her. In this passage, Jesus told the woman that He was the Messiah she was waiting for. Today, we will look at how the woman at the well ended up declaring her faith in Jesus to the people in her town.

## 1 | Believe the gospel.

*<sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." JOHN 4:13-15*

When Jesus offered water that would quench thirst for good, the woman was eager to have a drink. Only after Jesus described her own life to her did she understand that Jesus is the Christ, and that He was speaking of living water—water that would lead to eternal life. Her encounter with Jesus made her believe that He truly is the Messiah. How did your encounter with Jesus make you believe in Him?

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## 2 | Share your testimony.

*<sup>29</sup>"Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" . . . <sup>39</sup>Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." JOHN 4:29,39*

Jesus had told the woman all she had ever done—including the fact that she had had five husbands, and the one she now has is not her husband. This woman had every reason to hide from people. But she ran straight into the town, telling the people that Jesus is the Christ. As a result, many Samaritans from that town believed in Him. According to Romans 10:14, why should we publicly declare who Jesus is? How has the joy of knowing God removed all shame from your testimony?

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### 3 | Lead people to know Jesus.

*41And many more believed because of his word. 42They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."* **JOHN 4:41,42**

The woman's testimony led the villagers to seek the man she spoke of. In the end, people believed that Jesus is the Savior of the world—not because of the woman's testimony, but because they had heard Jesus for themselves. Her story led many more people to put their faith in Jesus. Your testimony is powerful. How has your testimony led others to know Jesus?

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#### APPLICATION

- Has someone shared their testimony and preached the gospel to you? Would you like to hear the gospel today?
- Who can you share your testimony to this week? What can you do to intentionally create an opportunity to be with him or her to share what Jesus did in your life?
- Who can you encourage to be bold in sharing his or her testimony? How can you challenge that person to testify to the world about Jesus?

