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3) Custom and Tradition

Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on them.

John 3:36

# <sup>3</sup> So he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee.

<sup>4</sup>Now He <mark>had to go</mark> through Samaria. John 4:3-4 <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as He was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?"

John 4:6-7

### The Bad News:

1) Social Pariah

# Our sins and our past failings can cause us to avoid community.

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2) Broken Relationships

He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

17 "I have no husband," she replied.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. 18 The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

<u>John 4:16-18</u>

#### The Good News

1) Jesus saw her for who she was and not for what she had done.

So God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them: male and female He created them.

Genesis 1:27

For we are His workmanship (poiema), created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10

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1) Jesus saw her for who she was and not for what she had done.

2) Jesus offers her "living water" and she is transformed

<sup>13</sup> Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

John 4:13-14

# If you have experienced this kind of transformation, it is impossible to keep it to yourself.

<sup>28</sup> Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, 29 "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?" 30 They came out of the town and made their way toward Him.

39 Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in Him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." 40 So when the Samaritans came to Him, they urged Him to stay with them, and He stayed two days. 41 And because of His words many more became believers.

<sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this Man really is the Savior of the world." John 4:28-30;39-42

# Even when society labels someone as hopeless, Christ brings hope and purpose.

### The Breaking News

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Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed,
Because His compassions fail not.

They are new every morning;
Great is Your faithfulness.
Lamentations 3:22-23

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No one is hopeless in the eyes of Christ.



# Attend with a Friend Sunday at King Street!

Sunday, September 28

8:00 am (traditional)

9:30 and 11:00 am (contemporary)

Downtown at King Street Church

## So what?

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2) With one trip, Jesus erased centuries of prejudice and discouragement.