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**From Outcast to Evangelist**  
**John 4:43**

It is sad to us that we have to continually battle here in America issues about skin color. No one is worse or better because of their skin color. The wonderful song that I sang in children's church growing up is still true today: "Jesus love the Little children, all the children of the world, Red and Yellow, Black and White, they are precious in his sight..." Yes, Jesus, loves the children. But he loves all the people, whatever their ages. *"God so loved the world (all the people of the world)..."*

So let's not follow – let's reject – the messages that one race is better than another. And rather than perpetuate the problems we can practice the solutions. But let's also realize that without heart transformation this sin like any other sin cannot be dealt with. In every individual the one way to wipe out prejudice is to have a heart change from God. Laws will hold down bad actions by us humans. But only God's law written on a transformed heart will change hatred into love.

We're going to talk about how Jesus dealt with someone with those and other issues today on *Wings of the Morning*. Right now listen to the group Selah:

**"There Is A Fountain"**

In the gospel of John, chapter 4, Jesus deals with a situation that has a number of lessons for us. John says: *"Now he (Jesus) 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*

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*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)."*

Now let's stop there for a moment. John (under the Holy Spirit's direction is telling us that Jesus purposely did not go with his disciples but stayed there alone. And he also tells us about the prejudice that he knew was going on between Jews and Samaritan's. There was a history between these two ethnic groups – even what might be called, “Bad Blood”. But John wants us to notice that Jesus, the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of God does not abide by any of that. He steps right into the midst of that battle and declares by his actions and words that no matter what anyone else thinks or cares He, the Messiah, the Son of God cares for this individual woman. There is no hatred from him only love in action. So my friend when it comes to that issue, follow Jesus, and love and if you can't you need a heart change!

Then the story goes on. What time was she at the well? It was noon, the hottest part of the day when no one else would be there. And why? It was what Jesus, in his divinity already knew about her before she even tells him – she has been married four times and the man she was with now wasn't even her husband! She is an outcast. No decent woman or man would associate with her. She was not the Proverbs 31 woman of virtue. She was the harlot. She is an outcast. But here is Jesus, the sinless Son of Man/Son of God, Messiah not only talking with her but asking her to come so close to him as to give him a drink from her jar. There is no one, my friend, whom Jesus will turn away. She was a sinner most certainly, but what Jesus was living

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out was that everyone, like her, were sinners. All have sinned and without a heart change, we all are outcasts to God's holiness. But Jesus loves us and wants to change us, no matter how bad we have been.

And that's the next part, Jesus offers to her this change that will give her life-giving living water on the inside. In other words, he is promising to change her sinful dead self into a cleaned-up home for the Holy Spirit of God to dwell in. That's what you need. That's what all of us outcasts – sinners – need!

And that leads us to the next part. She goes immediately into that town that hates her and – well listen – *“Then leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, ‘come, and see a man who told me everything I ever did (She came and publically confessed her sin.) Then she goes further: “Could this be the Christ? They came out of the town and made their way toward him.”* She confessed Jesus as her Messiah! And John tells us that many believed because of her testimony.

Here she was with so many ways that the world hated her. She was a Samaritan. She was a woman. She was immoral and a destroyer of marriages – a prostitute. She was an outcast. But now she was a person indwelt by the Holy Spirit of God and she was cleaned-up. She now was a witness – an evangelist – a preacher of the Good News.

Is that not a tremendous transformation! So what is holding you back? Quit making excuses.

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Please and receive Jesus now:

*Dear Jesus, I know. I'm a sinner. I need you to forgive and cleanse me. Please change my heart/change my life. Thank you for loving me that much. In Jesus name, Amen.*

If you prayed that prayer, please call or write me. You can call 877-306-HOME. You can reach me at Sunday Breakfast Mission or online at [sundaybreakfastmission.org](http://sundaybreakfastmission.org). I want to send you something to help you in this new life. And may God richly bless you.