

**ReGIFTING SERIES**  
**Part Five: Heart of the Matter**  
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**SERIES THESIS:** We are the \_\_\_\_\_ that people have to get \_\_\_\_\_ to get \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.

**QUESTION:** What is the greatest threat to people experiencing you as loving?

Jesus was **INTENTIONAL**.

**JOHN 4:7-16** *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.**)*



**JOHN 4:10-15** *Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” “Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?” Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, 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.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.”*

**QUESTIONS:**

- What gives my life significance?
- What give my life security?
- What gives my life satisfaction?

Jesus was **INTERESTING** because he was **INTERESTED**.

*If you met a truly humble person, you wouldn't think him/her humble, but only that they were happy and incredibly interested in you. –Tim Keller*

**JOHN 4:16-18** *He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.” “I have no husband,” she replied. Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. 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.”*

**VALUE:** Move toward the **MESSES**.

**JOHN 4:19-24** *“Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.” “Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”*

Jesus drew **DOCTRINAL** lines, not **BATTLE** lines.

**JOHN 4:25-26** *The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.” Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”*

Jesus offered **EVERYTHING** to someone who couldn't give him **ANYTHING**.

**JOHN 4:27** *Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?”*

*A Jewish rabbinic teaching in Jesus' day stated, “One should not talk with a woman on the street, not even with his own wife, and certainly not with somebody else's wife, because of the gossip of men,” and “It is forbidden to give a woman any greeting.” –Bruce Milne*

We **HONOR** culture until culture **DISHONORS** people.

*The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference. The opposite of art is not ugliness, it's indifference. The opposite of faith is not heresy, it's indifference. And the opposite of life is not death, it's indifference.*  
–Elie Wiesel

We are vulnerable to being **INDIFFERENT** to those who are **DIFFERENT** from us.

**JOHN 4:39** *Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, “He told me everything I ever did.”*

**JOHN 4:42** *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.”*