

# Becoming God's Catalyst

John 4 - Part 1  
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## for Changed Lives

- This chapter contains an incredible story about Jesus Christ and demonstrates the compassion of our Savior as He reaches out to help one lone lady who needed help.
- Christ desired to do whatever it took to reach people and change lives for God's glory. This lady placed her faith in Christ, and it led to a revival in her city, with multitudes trusting in Christ.
- You can be God's catalyst for changed lives.
  - “Catalyst” is defined as a “person that quickly causes \_\_\_\_\_ or action.”
  - God can use you. How? Our Savior provides us a great model. What a text!

### **First, by a willingness to lay aside**

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- In His encounter with the woman at the well, Jesus shattered many Jewish customs.
- This shocked the woman at the well (vs. 9), but Jesus' actions led to a spiritual discussion that changed her life (vs. 14-15) and many other lives (vs. 39).
- Jesus was willing to \_\_\_\_\_ and break from the established mold.
- Jesus did this sort of thing all the time, and it always made the Pharisees angry.
- The Pharisees cherished their traditions.

- *“Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do. And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.”*

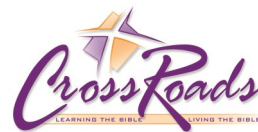
**Mark 7:7-9**

- How do Jesus' actions apply to us? People who are unwilling to change will \_\_\_\_\_ be God's catalyst for changed lives.
- The apostle Paul was like Christ; he was consumed with reaching people with the life-changing message of the gospel.  
1 Corinthians 9:20-23

Most people would have \_\_\_\_\_ right by this woman at the well and never thought twice about her. They would have seen a woman, a Samaritan, or an immoral, shady character.

Jesus saw a soul in need of deliverance.  
Jesus saw a soul worth \_\_\_\_\_.

But in order to reach her, Jesus had to break from some established traditions. He was willing. Are you willing?



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