Living Water

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INTRODUCTION

- I'd like to talk a little while tonight on how to approach someone that you would like to influence.
- This is quite a problem, and I think that there's an art involved, and I think that we should understand it.
- And a good example of it is in John the fourth chapter.

1 Establish a Common Bond

- If you want to influence someone, the first thing you must do is to establish a common bond.
- The only common bond that he could see was that here was a well, and he was thirsty and had no way to dip water, and she had a bucket and a robe.
- We just have to accept the bond, the common bond that we can find. If it's a small bond, then we have to start in a small way.
- So Jesus looked at the woman and said, Give me to drink.

2 He Didn't Come to Be Offended

- She was just as waspish and as sarcastic as she could be.
- Jesus came to accomplish something when he talked to this woman. He didn't come to be offended.
- Jesus could have been insulted, but that wasn't what he had started the conversation for.

3 Intrigue Her Curiosity

- So Jesus answered very kindly. And here we see him intrigue her curiosity.
- If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, give me to drink, thou wouldst have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.
- Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again. But whosoever drink of the water I shall give him shall never thirst.
- And so she said, give me this water. And Jesus still didn't explain.

4 Go Call Your Husband: Changing the Subject

- He said, Go call your husband. Well, that was where her problems all began first.
- She said, I have no husband. And Jesus said, Lady, you told the truth that time. You've had five husbands.
- He knew good and well she was changing the subject.

5 Worship in Spirit and in Truth

- God is a spirit, and they that worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.

- To worship in truth is to worship according to the authority of the scripture that God has given us.
- And to worship in spirit is to worship within the sincerity of our being.
- The only kind of worship that God would accept is a combination of spirit and truth.

6 The Enthusiasm of a New Convert

- That whole thing was just to establish a common bond, intrigue your interest, lead her a little bit on to where she would say this.
- He had gone through all of this for a reason.
- And she said, Come see a man that told me everything I ever did.
- She couldn't speak of anything but the enthusiasm of a new convert. But that enthusiasm is what tells it what influences people.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **And I'm wondering if there's someone here tonight that can forget. That can forget your fears and forget your anxieties.**

MY NOTES