

- The need to relate to an ever-increasing number of people in our daily experience has crippled our ability to relate effectively to even one person.

“Excessive relational demands have crippled our relational capacities.”

- The pace of life and its many distractions encourage insensitivity and isolation.

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- The exposure to many unhealthy evangelism models has left many frustrated and disillusioned.
- The imbalance between the verbalization and the incarnation of the gospel.

—Joe Aldrich, *Lifestyle Evangelism: Learning to Open Your Life to Those Around You*

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The two greatest evidences for our witness: healthy churches and healthy marriages.

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...³he left Judea and departed again for Galilee. ⁴And he had to pass through Samaria. ⁵So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob’s well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

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⁷A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” ⁸(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)

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¹⁰Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” ¹¹The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.”

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¹³Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” ¹⁵The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.”

—John 4:3-15 ESV

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Insights on Relational Evangelism

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The woman did not come to the well seeking Christ, but He came to the well seeking this woman.

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For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost. —Luke 19:10 ESV

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**The woman expected silence,
but she experienced a conversation
that made a difference.**

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**“The best argument for Christianity is
Christians: their joy, their certainty,
their completeness. But the strongest
argument against Christianity is also
Christians—when they are somber and
joyless, when they are self-righteous
and smug in complacent consecration,
when they are narrow and repressive,
then Christianity dies a thousand
deaths.” —Sheldon Vanauken**

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**The woman could not clean up her life and
come to Jesus. She needed to come to
Jesus and let Him change her life.**

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**“Those who are well have no
need of a physician, but those
who are sick. I came not to call
the righteous, but sinners.”**

—Mark 2:17b ESV

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**The woman was confused about
religious practices, but what she needed
was a personal relationship with Christ.**

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**⁵For there is one God, and there is
one mediator between God and
men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who
gave himself as a ransom for all,
which is the testimony given at the
proper time. —1 Timothy 2:5-6 ESV**

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And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. —Acts 4:12 ESV

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...and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. —John 8:32 ESV

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“Peacemaker. Fear-taker.
Soul-soother. Storm-smoother.
Light-shiner. Lost-finder.
Cloud-lifter. Deliverer.
Mind-clearer. Sigh-hearer.
Hand-holder. Consoler.
Wound-binder. Tear-drier.
Strength-giver. Provider.
Peacemaker to me.”

—Greg Ferguson, *Peacemaker*

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The woman left without her jar
because she left with the
fountain of living water —Jesus.

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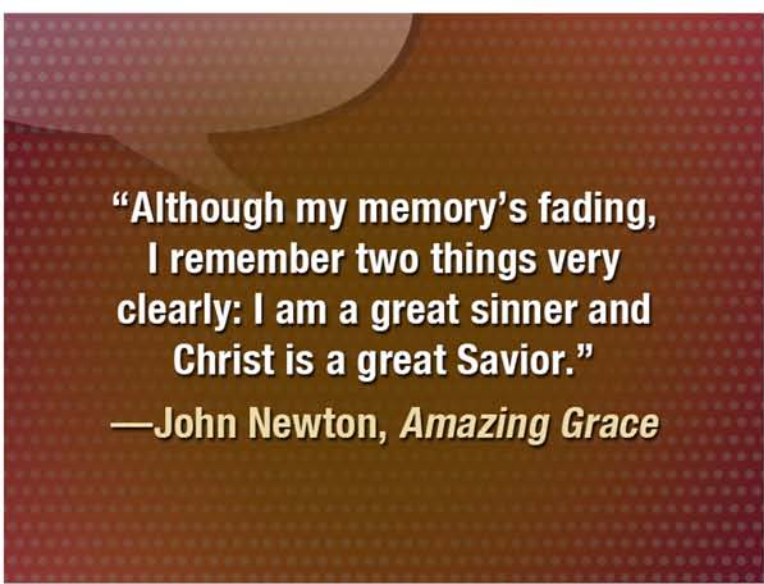
²⁸So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, ²⁹“Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” ³⁰They went out of the town and were coming to him.

—John 4:28-30 ESV

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³⁹Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me all that I ever did.” ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.” —John 4:39-42 ESV

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**“Although my memory’s fading,
I remember two things very
clearly: I am a great sinner and
Christ is a great Savior.”**

—John Newton, *Amazing Grace*

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