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John 4: 7-30 From Hatred to Hope

Where does Hope come from? Modern use defines HOPE as

- “a feeling of expectation and desire for a certain thing to happen” or as
- “grounds for believing that something good may happen” which sounds synonymous to WISH.

Biblical Hope, our hope in God, is based in something other than a feeling that something will happen. A Believer’s hope in God is grounded in God’s Love - a love abundantly lavished upon us. (Romans 5:1-5)

Five Stages in her Conversation

- Hatred - Disdain - Despair - Respect - Hope

One focus in Jesus’ Conversation

- God’s Provision

The Woman

- Hatred 4:7-9 Samaritans and Jews
- Disdain 4:11-12 Our father Jacob
- Despair 4:15-17a Fix my life
- Respect 4:19-20 Approve my worship
- Hope 4:25, 28-29 Our Messiah is coming

Jesus

- God’s provision 4:10
- Provision greater than Jacob 4:13-14
- Truth of our lives 4:17-18
- Worship God 4:21-24

How do we help others find Hope in a Hopeless Situation?

1. Learn what God is Providing us now
2. Focus on the Surpassing Quality of God’s Provision
3. Find God’s Perspective on our Current Situation
4. Worship God according to God’s Direction

5. Recognize the inspiring identity of Jesus

The Message “I am he,’ said Jesus. ‘You don’t have to wait any longer or look any further.”

“I Am is declaring all these things to you”

HOW HAS GOD PROVIDED FOR YOU? YOU HAVE A MESSAGE OF THE GOSPEL TO HELP SOMEONE ELSE FIND HOPE IN THEIR LIFE.

Remember: There is no Hope apart from accepting what God has already promised us in Jesus Christ -

Our Forgiveness, Justification, Sanctification, and Glorification