

**“Finding Your Place, part 2”
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John 4:10-26

PROP- Jesus came to “prepare a place for us”—an opportunity, a place to live from—so that “where He is we may be also” (John 14:3).

1. A WELL-WATERED PLACE (v. 13-18)

NOTE: Just as Jesus went “out of His way” to bring this woman from a dry, desolate place into a vibrantly alive place—He will track you down, too!

- His ultimate desire—Isaiah 44:3-5 (“Call”- declare over myself; “hand”- how I interact, relate, respond)
- He so longs to pour His life into ours:
 - Our thirst is quenched—never live an empty day again
 - Our hearts are “satisfied”—more than our needs met—our destiny fulfilled (“You still the hunger of those you cherish; their sons have plenty, and they store up wealth for their children. And I—in righteousness I will see your face; when I awake, I will be satisfied with seeing your likeness.” Psalm 17:14-15)
 - Our needs are supplied (NOTE: The “poverty spirit” is more than lack of \$\$\$--it approaches life with an expectation of lack)
 - “And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” (2 Cor. 9:8) (4x- “all”)
 - “And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.” (1 Peter 5:10)
 - “...the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life” (v. 14) Others will receive life from your overflow!

2. A WORSHIP-FILLED PLACE

A place of close proximity—*proskuneo*—the way of a dog with its master...nothing between...”into-Me-see”!

- He initiates
 - He “seeks” us to be “worshippers”
 - He knows us (“Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.” Hebrews 4:13)

- He did not come to condemn and reject us (John 3:17)—but to connect with us at the deepest level.
- “Worshippers”—not just “worship”
 - More than a song—a lifestyle
 - “...a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.” (1 Peter 2:9)
 - Not limited to a special place (“this mountain”) or a special person (i.e., high priest→ tabernacle of David)—ALL may enter into ALL!
- “In spirit and in truth”- honest and interactive
 - With the most honest, encouraging Ones in the universe!
 - Who honor and value One another (“My Son...My Father...another Comforter...”)
 - “True”- not “perfect”; authentic, drawing near with a sincere heart & clean hands—nothing to hide—no acting (“w/o hypocrisy”). SEE HEBREWS 10:19-22
 - “In spirit”- not primarily emotional or mental (though both are involved)—but “spiritual”—spirit to spirit with the God who is Spirit! Discovering the place where you come fully alive!
 - Place of accurate perspective. SEE PSALM 36:7-9
 - Place of grateful reception.
 - Hebrews 12:28- “Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe”
 - “Thankful” (eucharisto)- “to come under the full influence of” His unshakeable Kingdom!

RESPONSE

The time we should be focused on is “NOW” (v. 23). Seizing this moment to interact with Him!

Don’t procrastinate (SEE v. 35)!