

# AN UNEXPECTED PROMOTION

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**JOHN 4:28-30 NKJV - (28)** Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, **(29)** "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?" **(30)** They came out of the town and made their way toward Him.

**JAMES 4:10 KJV - (10)** Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

It's one thing to be excited about meeting Jesus, but it is another thing to experience His salvation, His wisdom and His love. She runs to tell the towns people (Samaritans) about Christ. Immediately she becomes an Evangelist. She didn't ask to. Jesus just had that much of an impact on her. He was able to use her and she humbled herself. It wasn't about her, it was about Jesus. Can God use you? Are you excited about the everyday blessings taken place in life? Will you share your testimony? Or is it about you and not Christ?

Everybody wants to be exalted. Maybe we wouldn't say so. Maybe we don't feel it all of the time. But part of the motivation for living according to the world system is to get exaltation for ourselves. This comes in having the things we want, getting the respect we feel we deserve, or living in the comfort and pleasure we crave. God asks us to quit the world's way of pursuing those things. Instead, He calls us to trust Him to exalt us when the time is right without trying to get that glory for ourselves.

When you read the story about the Samaritan woman you will notice that the woman at the well was all about self or self-accomplishments. Until her encounter with Christ.

That requires real humility. We agree not to make our daily lives about ourselves, and our God promises to make it about us when and how He sees fit. That's how Jesus lived, after all. Paul described Jesus's life on earth in **Philippians 2**. Jesus, God Himself, refused to fight for His right to be glorified. He "made Himself nothing" (**Philippians 2:7**) and became a servant, even to death. Then, when the time was right, the Father exalted Jesus to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name (**Philippians 2:9**).

God calls us to walk that same path: Humility today, God's glory forever.

## SCRIPTURE READING

**PSALM 119:36**

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

**We who take but never gives, may last for years but never lives.**

"A JOURNEY OF THE HEART"