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SERMON OUTLINE

I HAVE MET WITH JESUS

“I Am No Longer Defined By My Past”

Main Text:

John 4:1–30 — The Samaritan Woman

Theme:

Do not be a prisoner of your past, your geography, people’s opinions, or the voice of the devil. Your destiny and future are in the hands of Almighty God.

INTRODUCTION

Many people are prisoners without chains.

They are imprisoned by:

- Their past
- Their failures
- Their mistakes
- Their background
- Their geographical area
- Their education
- Negative words spoken over them

The Samaritan woman was:

- Rejected
- Ashamed

- Broken
- Judged by society

But one encounter with Jesus changed her identity forever.

Key Statement:

You are not:

- What happened to you
- What people say about you
- What the devil says about you

You are who God says you are.

ILLUSTRATION

The Crushed Money Illustration

A dirty and crushed money note still retains its value.

Likewise:

- Rejection
- Failure
- Pain
- Mistakes

Do not reduce your value before God.

People may see dirt,
but God still sees destiny.

illustration

The Samaritan woman came at noon to avoid gossiping people.

- Some people know your business more than they know Bible verses!
- Some people a very good in praise team on Sunday, but come Monday good gossippers.
- On Sunday they cannot miss church service, but they miss heaven gossiping about you.

But Jesus did not come to gossip about her.
He came to restore her.

1. JESUS WILL LOCATE YOU WHERE YOU ARE

John 4:6-7

Jesus met her:

- In Samaria
- In her pain
- In her shame

Lesson:

Grace can locate you anywhere.

No situation is beyond God's reach.

2. DON'T BE DEFINED BY YOUR GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION

John 1:46

“Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?”

Examples:

- David — from the wilderness
- Joseph — from prison
- Jesus — from Nazareth

Lesson:

Your location does not cancel your destiny.

Your destiny is tied to God, not geography.

3. DON'T BE A PRISONER OF YOUR PAST

John 4:18

Jesus knew her history,
yet He still loved her.

Lesson:

- God knows your past
- God still has a future for you

Jeremiah 29:11

“Plans to give you hope and a future.”

Key Point:

The devil may know your past,
but he does not control your future.

4. YOU ARE NOT WHAT PEOPLE SAY ABOUT YOU

People:

- Judge
- Label
- Criticize
- Condemn

But Jesus did not follow public opinion.

Lesson:

Never build your identity on people's opinions.

God's voice matters more than human voices.

5. YOU ARE FEARFULLY AND WONERFULLY MADE

Psalm 139:14

“I am fearfully and wonderfully made.”

Lesson:

You are:

- Valuable
- Chosen
- Created with purpose

You are not an accident.

6. YOUR DESTINY IS IN THE HANDS OF GOD

Isaiah 46:10

“My counsel shall stand.”

Lesson:

Your destiny is not controlled by:

- People
- The devil
- Your environment
- Your past

Your future is secure in God’s hands.

7. YOUR ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS CHANGED EVERYTHING

John 4:28

“The woman then left her waterpot.”

She left:

- Shame
- Fear
- Condemnation

And became a witness.

Lesson:

A real encounter with Jesus changes:

- Identity
- Direction

- Purpose
 - Confidence
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CONCLUSION

The Samaritan woman discovered:

- Her past could not stop her
- Her location could not stop her
- People's opinions could not stop her

Because she met Jesus.

Final Challenge:

Do not stay trapped in yesterday.

Your past is behind you.

Your future is ahead of you.

And your destiny is in the hands of Almighty God.

FAITH DECLARATIONS

Declare boldly:

- I have met with Jesus!
- I am not a prisoner of my past!
- I am not defined by my mistakes!
- I am not limited by my background!
- I am not what people say about me!
- I am not what the devil says about me!
- I am fearfully and wonderfully made!
- I have a future!

- I have a destiny!
- My destiny is in the hands of God!
- My future is greater than my past!
- I shall fulfil my purpose in Jesus' Name!

SHOUT:

“I HAVE MET WITH JESUS!”