



**Winter 2020–2021 Theme:**  
The Call of God in the New Testament

**Unit III: The Call of Women**

### Lesson Titles:

**No Insignificant Witnesses**  
(Faith Pathway Bible Studies)

**Called to Evangelize**  
(Townsend Press Sunday School Commentary)

## LESSON 10—February 7, 2021

### Devotional Reading:

John 1:37-51

### Background Scriptures:

John 1:37-51; 4:25-42

### Print Passages:

John 4:25-42

### Key Verse(s):

Many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did. (John 4:39, KJV)

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Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." (John 4:39, NIV)

### ► Questions to Consider:

1. Why did Jesus say He had to go through Samaria?
2. What did Jesus offer the woman at the well?
3. What did the woman of the well do in response to Jesus' offer?

### ► Lesson Aims:

As a result of experiencing this lesson, you should be able to do these things:

- Identify the barriers Jesus crossed in conversing with the Samaritan woman.
- Sense the wonder the Samaritan woman felt in her encounter with Jesus.
- Share with others the transforming power of God at work in your lives.

### ► Lesson Context:

- The Jews did everything they could to avoid traveling through **Samaria**. Their relationship with the Samaritans was hostile.
- Jesus knew the long history of cultural tension and theological differences between **Jews** and Samaritans.
- Jesus passed through Samaria and intentionally engaged in a conversation with someone who was not only a Samaritan, but also a **woman**.

### ► Lesson Outlines/Key Points:

- I. She **Calls** (John 4:25-30)

Key Point 1: Despite the differences between Judaism and Samaritan religious traditions and belief, the woman at the well had a clear understanding of the **promised** Messiah.

Key Point 2: The woman invited many others to come hear the Man who told her all about herself.

## I. He Calls (John 4:31-38)

Key Point 1: Jesus knew that the time for the Samaritans to hear the gospel was **ripe**.

Key Point 2: God calls every believer to help labor for the **harvest** of souls for the kingdom.

Some will plant, others will water— but when the harvest is ripe, God will give the increase.

## II. We **Cling** (John 4:39-42)

Key Point 1: Based on the testimony of the woman who was at the well, many Samaritans came to **believe** in Jesus.

Key Point 2: The people who came to receive Jesus responded to the Word they received from the Lord.

### ► Lesson Summary:

- When Jesus made plans to minister to souls in Samaria, He used one woman, perhaps one that others would have overlooked for the task.
- Every believer is called to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ every chance we get.
- Just imagine the power of one—one person, one effort, one witness for the Lord and the impact it can have on many.

### What Do You Think?

(These questions are found in this week's Faith Pathway student book.)

1. Jesus retreated to the wilderness to fast and pray for spiritual power for ministry. What do you do to spiritually recharge yourself?

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2. Make a list of persons you know who need to receive the Good News of Jesus Christ. Where and with whom will you begin sharing? How will you make the decision?

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3. Jesus has given every believer power to proclaim the Good News. What are some proven strategies for sharing the Gospel?

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**As a result of this lesson, I will do the following:**

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