

Sermon Notes: Book of John Part 9 | Pastor Josh | Wednesday Night Bible Study

I. Introduction

- **Topic:** Spiritual Death and Separation from God
- **Definition:** Spiritual death is being separated from the gracious and kind presence of God.

II. Main Sermon: John 4:1-26

A. Jesus' Journey through Samaria

- **John 4:1-3:** Jesus leaves Judea and heads to Galilee, avoiding conflict with the Pharisees.
- **John 4:4-6:** Jesus stops at Jacob's well in Samaria.

B. The Encounter with the Samaritan Woman

- **Cultural Barriers:** Jews typically avoided Samaritans.
- **John 4:7-10:** Jesus asks for water and offers "living water" symbolizing the Holy Spirit (referenced in John 7:37-39).

C. Revelation of the Samaritan Woman's Life

- **John 4:11-14:** Jesus explains the spiritual significance of the living water.
- **John 4:15-18:** Jesus reveals his knowledge of the woman's personal life, indicating her need for spiritual fulfillment.
- **John 4:19-26:** The woman recognizes Jesus as a prophet and the Messiah.

III. Lessons and Applications

A. Breaking Cultural Norms

- **Jesus' Example:** Engaging with the Samaritan woman despite societal norms.
- **Application:** Believers are encouraged to transcend cultural boundaries to share God's love.

B. Wisdom and Timing

- **Jesus' Avoidance of Conflict:** Using wisdom to navigate challenges (John 4:1-3).
- **Application:** Believers should seek God's timing and use discernment in their actions.

C. The Holy Spirit as Living Water

- **Symbolism:** The living water represents the Holy Spirit (John 7:37-39).
- **Transformation:** The Spirit cleanses, refreshes, and flows through believers to bless others.

IV. Historical Context

- **Genesis 48:22:** Reference to Jacob's well given to Joseph, enriching the encounter's context.

V. Conclusion

- **Call to Action:** Embrace the Holy Spirit, prioritize God's will, and extend blessings to others.
- **Reflection:** Reflect on Jesus' offer of living water and its transformative power in our lives.

VI. Prayer and Closing

- **Thanksgiving:** Express gratitude for God's presence, promises, and provisions.
- **Intercession:** Pray for the needs mentioned and for wisdom to follow God's will.

Scriptural References

- **John 4:1-26**
- **John 7:37-39**
- **Genesis 48:22**