

John 4: The woman at the well



The year of overcoming.

1John 5:4, “For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.”

Why Faith?

A study in Romans 4

John 4:1-21



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The time has changed

John 4:23, “But the *time is coming, and is now here*, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.”

Is your religion un-romantic?

Working for Acceptance or Help

Fearful of Judgment

Never feeling Included

A Distant and Uncaring God

-Nothing like Romans

Romans is a Romance

A Romance is a love story where love conquers

- Differences

- Distance

- Obstacles

- Offenses

- Cultures

Romans is a Romance

Romans 5:6-8, “For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for *a righteous person*—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

We are taken From This:

Romans 3:10, “As it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one.”

To This:

Romans 5:19, “For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.”

The Good News: It's a new time!

Romans 1:16-17, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

Romans 3:21-24, “But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.”

Why Faith?

Faith reveals the way of love.

- To be loved as unrighteous
- To be made righteous by love