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THE GOSPEL OF JOHN
Lessons on Being a Good Citizen
John 4.27-42

The disciples are dumbfounded when they return and find Jesus talking with a Samaritan woman. John tells the story in such a way that reveals some new lessons for us on how things operate in God's Kingdom.

LESSONS FROM JESUS ON BEING A GOOD CITIZEN:

1. View opposing people as potential siblings **IN CHRIST**, not political enemies **TO CONQUER**.

I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. v35

2. Ask God to open your eyes to see people's **NEEDS** not their **FLAWS**.

*I tell you, **open your eyes** and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.* v35

3. Take care of yourself: **EAT HEALTHY**.

"I have food to eat that you know nothing about." ... "My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. v32, 34

4. Get into the practice of removing **BARRIERS** not putting them up.

Four Barriers that Jesus tore down in this story:

- Sin
- Religious
- Racial
- Gender

5. **BEGIN TODAY**

***Even now** the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together.* v36

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What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?