

How To Be A Face Of Grace!

Faces Of Grace, Pt. 2

John 4:3-26

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meaning the people of this world who are immoral, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters. In that case you would have to leave this world.

John 4:39, *Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in Him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to Him, they urged Him to stay with them, and He stayed two days. ⁴¹And because of His words many more became believers. ⁴²They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world."*

Five Principles Of Being A Face Of Grace:

1) We Must Connect With People SOCIALLY

John 4:3, *So He left Judea and went back once more to Galilee. ⁴Now He had to go through Samaria. ⁵So He came to a town in Samaria called Sychar ... ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as He was from the journey, sat down by the well.*

2) We Must Cross Some BARRIERS

John 4:7, *When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give Me a drink?" ⁸(His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to Him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)*

- **Jesus Demolished The Common Barriers Of Race, Class, Religion And MORALITY**

1 Corinthians 5:9, *I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people— ¹⁰not at all*

3) Create A Connection Through Your Words And ACTIONS

John 4:10, *Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water." ... ¹³Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."*

1 Corinthians 9:19, *Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. ²⁰To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. ²¹To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. ²³I do all this for the sake of the gospel...*

4) Don't Condemn UNNECESSARILY

John 4:16, *He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." ¹⁷"I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband." ¹⁸The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."*

John 3:16, *For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish*

but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.

5) Keep The Main Thing The Main Thing - JESUS

John 4:19, “Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.” ²¹“Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴God is spirit, and His worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.” ²⁵The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When He comes, He will explain everything to us.” ²⁶Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am He.”

Takeaways:

- Follow the Pastor’s daily blog this week for five more facets of grace. You can follow it on www.johnmarkcaton.com, on Twitter @johnmarkcaton or on Facebook at /johnmarkcaton.
- Make a list of people to whom you can be a Face of Grace.
- Celebrate Recovery (CR) - A safe ministry for any hurt, habit or hang-up. Someone will be in the Atrium today during both services to answer any questions and provide information and resources for you, a friend or family member. For more information, email Ryan Koesel at ryan.koesel@cottonwoodcreek.org.
- Pray for our Youth at camp this week.