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Monday

John 4:6 and Jacob's well was there. So Jesus, being wearied from His journey, was sitting thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

Meetings with God can happen in the most mundane of places: a street corner, beside a well, in a field, or on a drive in a car. God is not restricted by time or place and will often make His presence known (for those who are looking) at unusual times of the day and in unusual circumstances. At work, in a conversation with friends, on a visit to someone in need: you will often find God breaking into the conversation and making His presence known--for those who are looking. That's the point! Look for God's presence in your life today. Take notice. Give thanks.

Tuesday

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you ...

When Jesus makes His presence known, He generally has something very important to say. It may be a word of instruction. It may be a word of correction. Sometimes He brings a word of assurance in the midst of difficult times. The point? When you have a meeting with God you need to be attentive to His word for you. Too often we're too busy telling God what we want and what we need and what's wrong with our situation to hear Him at all. This time, listen. Instead of merely asking God to fix something or somebody, ask God to teach you something. Open His word and let Him apply His truth to your life.

Wednesday

John 4:29 "Come, see a man who told me all the things that I have done; this is not the Christ, is it?"

There is no reason to pretend or to wear a mask when you have a meeting with Jesus. After all, He knows your motives, your actions, your past, and your future. In spite of such knowledge, He loves you with an everlasting love. Admit your failures, your fears, your doubt, even your anger to Him. You might as well; they are not hidden for a single moment from His sight. Lay them on the altar and let Him heal, correct, comfort, and assure you. In your openness before Him, He will speak truth to you. Let Him lay bare your heart as only He can. Do not fear it. He already knows you and He still loves you.

Thursday

Luke 19:8 Zaccheus stopped and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, half of my possessions I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will give back four times as much."

It goes without saying but needs to be said, when you meet Jesus, when you receive His word, your life will be changed. You understand that meeting God for the first time will be a life changing experience, but too few believers understand that every interaction with God should be life altering. Your moments with God may change you from fearful to faithful. They may change you from selfish to giving. Time with God should make you aware of His desire for you to be more and more shaped by His word and transformed into His righteousness. Renewed, reshaped, refreshed, reborn: Every encounter with God is a moment of transformation.

Friday

John 4:23 But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth...

The Holy Spirit has come and worship is transformed. No longer is its focus on a correct place, or proper robes, or ceremonies of worship. Jesus revealed that these have become secondary issues for the genuine man or woman of God. What is primary? Your heart. Your openness. Your focus. Your sincerity. Worship may happen in a prison cell or in a quiet corner of a home. Worship includes your acts of ministry and your daily living. Worship is found in genuinely hearing God's word in devotional times and living it by faith. Are you meeting God in worship?