

# Captivated Teaching Outline

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## Introduction:

Have you ever tried to explain to someone the taste of a sweet, juicy orange? How do you describe the savory flavor of your favorite meal, or the delectable richness of chocolate?

You would tell them that in order to know just how good it is, they simply must taste it for themselves.

Our relationship with the Lord is similar; to have a vibrant and growing relationship with the Lord, we need first-hand experiences of knowing God personally.

## Definition of Captivated: attract, hold the interest and attention of

What a descriptive word as it relates to our relationship with the Lord. When we realized his tenacious, pursuit of us, and have a revelation of his radical, unconditional love, it changes everything!

Let's look at a woman in the bible whose life tells the story of how love captivated her.

Scripture: John 4:1-30, 39-42

- I. (Vs 7-20) The Samaritan woman was not shy to ask questions to Jesus. We, too, can freely ask God about things we don't understand. Jesus knew that she was seeking for and hungry for truth.
- II. (vs16-19) Jesus pointed out her sin and secrets, but without condemnation. Her response: she was not repelled by Jesus but was drawn to Him.
- III. (Vs 28) When the Samaritan women heard the truth about Jesus, she wholeheartedly believed him to be who he said he was, the Messiah. She put down her water pot and ran back to her village to tell everyone. The waterpot is symbolic of laying down our lives (water is life). Immediately, she knew that what she experienced needed to be shared, for she had found the answers she was looking for in Jesus.

## Conclusion:

We never know her name. She is only referred to in the bible as the Samaritan woman. However, Jesus knew her intimately as he knows your name. Is. 43:1-3a.

She became well known by becoming an evangelist to her community as she shared her testimony about Jesus and as they too believed. Vs 28-30, 39-42

Like the Samaritan women:

- Jesus died to forgive your sins and secrets.
- When you give your life to Jesus, He will transform you into a new creation. 1 Cor 5:17
- He will use your life and your story to show others to Jesus.
- \*Share your personal testimony or that of someone you know to show how the Lord can use us all.

## Response:

While closing in prayer, ask if anyone wants to lay down their water pot/life and surrender to Jesus.

Close in a time of worship and prayer for one another

## HELPS

**Make it an illustrated sermon:** Find a pottery type jug (big or small) as a prop you can refer to during the message as a visual aid.

**Song Option:** "Captive Us" by Watermark

**Make the message your own!**

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