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My Relationship With God

Which of the following best describes how you feel about your present relationship with God? Circle one and provide a brief explanation.

CATEGORY	EXPLANATION (WHY SO?)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Just keeps getting better
<input type="checkbox"/>	If it were any better, I'd pop.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lots of ups and downs
<input type="checkbox"/>	Like a tree planted by a stream
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lukewarm
<input type="checkbox"/>	Car engine with lots of knocks and pings
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cool (and not in the good sense)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cold (in the really bad sense)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rock solid
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:

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Strengths and Weaknesses

Take a few minutes to jot down in the columns below what you believe God considers to be your primary strengths and weaknesses. These do not have to be in regard to your relationship with Him. Simply list five things about yourself you think He likes and then five aspects of yourself you believe He would like to “tweak.”

THINGS ABOUT ME...

■ I Think God Likes

■ That Displease God

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Four Uniting Themes of Scripture:

- 1 God longs to spend time with you.
- 2 God has prepared a rich inheritance for you to enjoy.
- 3 We often reject both the relationship and the inheritance.
- 4 God continues to pursue you with His offer of love.

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Bible Study

READ JOHN 4:5-24.

⁵So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was here, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

⁷When 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.)

¹⁰Jesus 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."

¹¹"Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?" ¹²Are you greater than our father, Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his flocks and herds?"

¹³Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him 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."

¹⁶He 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."

¹⁹"Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

²¹Jesus declared, "Believe me, woman, 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 worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. ²⁴God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in spirit and in truth."

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- 1 Do you think this passage is a reflection of any of the four “uniting themes” of Scripture?
- 2 In what ways did the Samaritan woman have “bony shoulders”?
- 3 Jesus offers “living water.” How would you explain what he meant by that?
- 4 Jesus accepts this woman who is an outcast from both the Jews (she is a Samaritan) and the Samaritans (she is a social leper—going to the well in the heat of the day when, typically, no one else would be there). And he offers her eternal life. He does, however, expect her to change her life. Discuss the significance of this combination of acceptance and expectations.
- 5 In chapter three of John’s Gospel is a parallel story. Nicodemus, a religious leader, walks away from Jesus’ offer to be born again. Which biblical character do you identify with most, Nicodemus or the Samaritan woman?



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Session Outline

I. INTRODUCTION



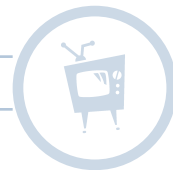
- Welcome
- Prayer
- Review

II. WARM-UP



- Exercises and Discussion

III. CONTENT



- Video Vignette
- Class Response and Questions
- Retelling of Synopsis
- Discussion/Exercises

IV. BIBLE STUDY



- Small Groups or All Together

V. SUMMARY



- Review

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