
Ordinary People ... Extraordinary God

"Overcoming Your Past"

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Introduction: We are engaged in a study where we are looking at ordinary people God used to do extraordinary things.

1. It is easy to see the awesomeness of God and fail to see the ordinary people He uses, people just like you and me, warts and all.
2. That is especially true in today's example.
3. The woman at the well had a difficult present tied to a troubled past.
4. God not only transformed her life, He also used her to reach her village.
5. As we study her encounter with Jesus, we learn it is possible to overcome our past.

I. Before Christ: A Troubled Life

- A. A Social Outcast
- B. Mixed Ethnicity
- C. Spiritually Confused
- D. Trying To Survive

II. After Christ: Restoration

- A. The New Birth
- B. Extraordinary Things

Conclusion: We don't know what happened to this woman or this village.

1. What we do know is a beachhead has been established in Samaria as Christ intended.
2. Is this why we have the story of the good Samaritan?
3. Is this why Samaria was included in God's plan for the church?
4. Does this explain in part the revival in Samaria recorded in Acts 8?
5. Spiritually speaking, extraordinary things happened in Samaria.
6. They all started with the woman at the well.
7. She came to the well looking for a drink; she left with a new life.
8. God used her to do extraordinary things!