



Be Kind to Everyone - You Never Know to Whom You Are Speaking

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TODAY'S READING: John 4

In our reading today, John recalls a meeting where Jesus encountered a woman at the well. This was no ordinary person; she was from the Samaritan lineage. This would be an issue for the average person of Jewish descent who thought Samaritans were unclean due to being of mixed Jewish and Gentile descent. There was also tension due to the Samaritans aligning themselves with the pagans who fought against the Jewish order. This caused much hatred between the two ethnic background. In part, that is why the Samaritan woman made the remark to Jesus, *"Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, 'How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?' For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans"* (John 4:9 NKJV).

Of course, Jesus did not see the woman as inferior or as a second class citizen. Jesus saw the person of the woman. He made her feel comfortable and at ease. That is when He appealed to her and reached her at her level. Jesus, being God, knew the kind of woman this was, having had five husbands and living with a man that was not her husband. However, He did not judge her, He appealed to her. That is an excellent example for us today. Too many people go around pointing their fingers and judging those who continue to struggle in their lives. Jesus understood His purpose and carried it out to the fullest, *"Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work'"* (John 4:34 NKJV).

My friends, this should be our approach as well. We know the Master's will for His followers and we must heed His call. But first we must believe He is who He says he is and He is able to do what He says He will do. In today's reading there was a nobleman whose son was dying, and he appealed to Jesus, *"When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him and implored Him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. Jesus said to him, 'Go your way; your son lives.' So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way"* (John 4:47,50).

You have heard it said that you need to be kind to everyone, including strangers, and by doing so you may unwittingly entertain angels, or Christ Jesus Himself. That is the approach to life we all should have, being loving, kind and serving one another.

PRAYER: Our Father in the heavens, Jehovah God, we come before You to thank You for Jesus. Thank You, Father, for His earthly ministry, in revealing your love to your created beings. Father, please allow Your Holy Spirit to fill me and lead me in all things Jesus. Help me, Father, do my best to reflect Your loving attributes to everyone I encounter. It is in Christ's precious name I pray, amen!

TOMORROW'S READING: Weekend is for catch-up and review.

MONDAY'S READING: John 5

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