

Believe for Yourself

Many Samaritans from the village believed in Jesus because the woman had said, "He told me everything I ever did!" When they came out to see him, they begged him to stay at their village. So he stayed for two days, long enough for many of them to hear his message and believe. Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe because we have heard him ourselves, not just because of what you told us. He is indeed the Savior of the world."

John 4:39-40 (NLT)

Prayer Focus: The Samaritan woman had a dramatic and unexpected encounter with Jesus. Not only did He break cultural protocol by talking to her, He knew everything about her life. When Jesus proclaimed that He was the Messiah, it was confirmed in her heart through His demonstration of divine knowledge. He offered her new life, and she gladly received it. Not only did she take it in personally, but she left immediately to tell others about Jesus. Upon her testimony, the entire town received Jesus into their midst and eagerly listened to His message. Eventually the woman's story of belief became their own stories of belief. They experienced Jesus in a powerful and personal way, and they were convinced that He was indeed *their* Savior as well. Each of us must also have our own personal encounter with Jesus Christ that changes us dramatically forever. If you have not, Jesus is waiting to meet you!

Day 1: Worship Jesus as your personal and loving Savior.

Day 2: Confess the times you have heard about Jesus, but have not sought Him on a personal level.

Day 3: Repent of ways that your belief in Jesus has been intellectual, but not necessarily deep within your heart.

Day 4: Invite Jesus to reign in your life as your personal Savior who knows all things about you—and still loves you!

Day 5: Pray that your family and friends will each have a dramatic and personal encounter with Jesus Christ.

Day 6: Pray that your church will be a place where Jesus is known and experienced in personal ways.

Day 7: Pray that the lost in your community will have opportunity to hear and embrace the truth of Jesus.

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