

The Single Greatest Gift

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John 4:1-42

Three basic life needs of all ... only met in Jesus

1. Love ... faithful, loyal, unconditional

Proverbs 19:22 What a man desires is *unfailing love*...

Jeremiah 31:3 "I have *loved you with an everlasting love*; I have drawn you with loving-kindness.

2. Significance meaning, purpose

Daniel 5:23 ... the God who holds in his hand *your life and all your ways*.

Ephes. 2:10 For *we are God's masterpiece*. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, *so that we can do the good things he planned for us long ago*.

3. Security/Peace ... Shalom... now and forever

2 Tim. 1:12 ... I know the one in whom I trust, and I am sure that *he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until the day of his return*.

Psalms 55:22 Give your burdens to the LORD, and *he will take care of you....*

John 4:10 Jesus 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*."

We are the gift bearers

2 Corinthians 5:20 So *we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ* when we plead, "Come back to God!"

1. Be willing to enter the zone of the unknown

Here's the question I want us all to ponder: what would happen if we were to take a few steps across a room? Is it possible that we could actually impact someone's eternal destiny—perhaps even that of their family? That we could change the course of an *entire* family history by simply taking a few steps toward someone who may be heading for a Christless eternity?

- Walk to them

John 4:4 Now *he had to go through Samaria*.

1 Cor. 9:19 Though I am free and belong to no man, *I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible*.

- Let love be your motivation

John 3:16-17 "For *God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son*, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world *not to judge the world, but to save the world through him*."

- Pray the Father will draw them

John 6:44 "No one can come to me *unless the Father who sent me draws him...*

2. Listen to the Spirit's promptings

Isaiah 30:21 Your own ears will hear him. Right behind you a voice will say, "*This is the way you should go,*" whether to the right or to the left.

This is adventurous Christianity

Matthew 5:13 "*You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor?*

Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless.

Romans 8:14 ...those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

Romans 8:14 God's Spirit beckons. *There are things to do and places to go!*

3. Just Walk

Philippians 2:4-8 Don't look out only for your own interests, but *take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.* Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, *he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.* NLT