

***Giving it Up Series***

**Part 3 Giving Up Superiority**

Scripture references: John 4:1-42 (NASB)

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1. Jesus broke all kinds of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ by speaking to a woman in public (a Samaritan no less).
2. This woman's life was such a mess that their \_\_\_\_\_ could have jeopardized Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ as a holy man.
3. Jesus brought his message of grace and freedom to the woman, knowing that in her \_\_\_\_\_, she would hear and respond.
4. Other religious people were too busy and \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ to hear.
5. Knowing God and doing His will must become more important than my \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ in life.

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Closing questions/thoughts for self-assessment:

1. Do you let what others think about you influence whether you respond, or how you respond when there are opportunities to minister to others? Do you let your own feelings about the one you minister to influence you? Can you be honest about this?
2. Holiness is *attractive*. Is your life attractive to others, or is it seen as a religious type of pride that serves to say you are better than others? Do you have the courage to ask others to answer this question about you?
3. The world doesn't need to see how great you can be, they need to see how great God is. (And then be faced with the question of how God in Christ could do what He did for them.) Will you order every area of your life by this truth?
4. God doesn't care about any of the artificial lines we draw to make ourselves feel superior to others. If we let go of our status symbols and judgmental attitudes, we too can hear Jesus' call more clearly and respond more faithfully.