LIFEtotheFULL Series Week 4 outline 3.03.22 John 4

LIFE to the FULL

Jesus brings Satisfied Life - Part 2

I. The Hole In My Bucket Lists (John 4:1-14)

Why do we keep going back to the same wells in our life that we know leave us unsatisfied?

A. It's Tempting

We like the immediate, easy, and temporary

B. We Mistake Jesus

We treat Jesus like He's a temporary reprieve from real life, not the maker, bringer, and giver of life itself

C. We Believe our Identity depends on our Works

We believe WHO WE ARE is defined by WHAT WE DO rather than developing a deep understanding that WHAT WE DO simply flows out of WHO WE ARE

"There is a God shaped hole in the heart of every man which cannot be filled by any created thing, but only by God, the Creator, made known through Jesus" Blaise Pascal

II. The Toll it Takes on My Life (John 4:15)

- A. We are left empty and always thirsty for something more -asking "why is this never enough?"
- B. We are left increasingly feeling isolated from others

-questioning "why do I always feel alone?"

C. We are left defining ourselves by our successes and failures -wondering "how long can I keep this up?"

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III. Breaking Up With Wilson (John 4:16-29)

How do we finally let go of the old and receive the new Life we were created for?

- A. We Start where we are...
 - -instead of waiting to start when you think you've gotten to where you want to go
- B. We Get Real...
 - -Stop pretending like we can hide our junk from Jesus
 - -Quit trying to write IOU's for God's gift. God does not have a Venmo account for Grace.
 - -Don't sidetrack on religious debates as a bargaining chip to avoid real life transformation
- C. We Ask...
 - -for Jesus' life
 - vs 15 "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty again"
- D. We Receive...
 - vs 10 "if you knew the gift of God and who it is... you would have asked him and he would have given you living water"
- E. We Stay Reminded...
 - -of who we are, where life is found, and in whom our satisfaction lies
 - -own it, tell the story, connect in community, apply God's word to life, remain in Jesus
- F. We Turn from the Old...
 - -vs 28 "Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town..."
- IV. Life to the Full is Life Worth Sharing (John 4:29;39-42)
- A. It's a story with an Invitation: "come and see!"
- B. It's a story with Authenticity: "who told me everything I ever did!"
- C. It's a story with a Finale: "could this be the Messiah?!"

"They came out of the town and made their way toward him" -vs30

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BRINGING LASTING SATISFACTION
WITH NEW LIFE AND A NEW STORY WORTH SHARING