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## Make a Big Difference

Go All In! — *John 4*



### OPEN

This week president of The Alliance Canada Darren Herbold shared what is required for us to **Make a Big Difference which is Going All In!** Reflecting on the story of Jesus meeting the Samaritan women at the well in John 4, Darren shared how going all in means we: (1) Care about people by embracing intentionality (2) Learn to see others like Jesus sees them, (3) Embrace the Uncomfortable, (4) Embrace the Supernatural. This week experience the story as your invitation to follow the way of Jesus by Going All In in the life of those he sends you to!



### READ

#### Read John 4:1-8.

- In your own words summarize the story so far. What stands out?
- Culturally, what was unusual about this meeting between Jesus and the Samaritan woman?
- What does this teach you about Jesus' intentionality to cross cultural boundaries to embrace others? When have you crossed cultural boundaries and built a relationship with others who are different from you? What did you learn through that experience?

#### Read John 4:9–15

- Jesus uses the women's physical need for literal water to point the women's greater spiritual need for living water (the Holy Spirit. cf: John 7:38-39). When has God used a physical experience to teach you about a spiritual reality in your life or the life of someone you knew? How did that grow your faith/trust in him?

#### Read John 4:16-26, 39-42

- How does Jesus address the spiritual condition of the woman? What role does repentance play in your own faith journey?
- When have you shared Jesus with others? What was the result?



### REFLECT

- Who in your life do you struggle to show the love of Christ to? Are you willing to pray, "Jesus, help me to love better - to love people like you love people?"

What Jesus does with the Samaritan woman spreads and impacts others. The disciples likely walked right by the Samaritan woman not even realizing that she had met Jesus and would become a catalyst for a historical Samaritan rival.

**“IT'S VERY EASY FOR US TO BE: ACTIVE BUT NOT AWARE. LIVING BUT NOT LOOKING”  
—DARREN HERBOLD**

- What do you think of this quote? In your own life how are you open to divine interruptions by God where you stop and take notice of what he is doing in the lives of others? When have you become aware of a divine interruption that lead to a divine moment?
- How willing are you to be inconvenienced and interrupted by God for his purposes in your life? What stands in the way of this for you?

#### Read Romans 8:11.

- When have you experienced supernatural boldness, confidence, courage, or enablement to make Jesus known to others? Could be a moment where you listened to someone, prayed for them, shared your faith, or shared God's love through action.
- When it comes to your faith journey is there a decision you have delayed in the past that you could make today? Share about that.



### PRAY

- Who in your life do you need to more intentionally reach out to with the love of Jesus? Pray for them?
- What is keeping you distracted from divine interruptions where God wants to minister to others through you? Pray for more openness and boldness in those moments.
- Please continue to pray for the Board of Elders, Staff, and leaders as we discern the the Holy Spirit's leading during this time of transition.