

## Sermon Notes for August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

Series: “Freedom in Christ”

Message: “Freedom to Worship”

Sermon Text: **John 4:16-26**; Old Testament Text: **Psalms 95:1-11**; New Testament Text: **Ephesians 5:15-21**. Read **John 4:16-26 (below)** as you listen to the sermon, then answer the questions below.

**John 4:16-26:** Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” <sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.” <sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet.” <sup>20</sup> Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.” <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” <sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

1. Read **John 4:16-18**. Why do you think Jesus wanted the woman to bring her husband to see Him?
2. The woman told Jesus a half-truth. What was she trying to hide?
3. Read **John 4:19-20**. Why do you think the woman brought up the question asking where the proper place to worship was?
4. Read **John 4:21**. What is Jesus declaring in this statement?
5. Read **John 4:22**. Was Jesus’s statement here an accurate reflection of all Jews? Explain.

6. Read **John 4:23-24**. What did Jesus mean when He said, *the hour is coming, and is now here?*
  
7. What did Jesus mean when He said, *when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth?*”
  
8. Read **John 4:25**. Despite the woman’s promiscuous ways, what did her statement here reveal about her?
  
9. Read **John 4:26**. How would you have felt if Jesus had spoken these words to you? Would you have believed Him?
  
10. What will you remember most from this message?