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***John 4:27–30 am & 39-
42(KJV 1900)***

***27 And upon this came his disciples,
and marvelled that he talked with the
woman: yet no man said, what seekest
thou? Or, Why talkest thou with her?***

***28 The woman then left her water pot,
and went her way into the city, and
saith to the men,***

***29 Come, see a man, which told me all
things that ever I did: is not this the
Christ?***

30 Then they went out of the city, and came unto him.

John 4:39–42 (KJV 1900):

39 And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did.

40 So when the Samaritans were come unto him, they besought him that he would tarry with them: and he abode there two days.

41 And many more believed because of his own word;

42 And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.

One of the oldest questions that continues to confront man is “What difference can one man make?” When the crowd is loud and they drown you out, what difference can you make? In a democracy where the majority rules, and you represent the minority, what difference can you make? When the whole world seems to be against you and you are left standing all alone, what difference can you make? How can one man, one woman, one boy or one girl

make a difference in the grand scheme of things?

Well, I can tell you from experience that the answer to that question, more often than not, is met with fear and trepidation. One's confidence is called into question and found sorely wanting. It's tough knowing that you are standing alone when you are being face with some life altering issue and you are challenged to make what may be the right or wrong decision concerning that issue. Live long enough and you will be

presented with that challenge. Will you stand for what is right or will you acquiesce and fall in with the rest of the crowd? Will you carry the unpopular message or will you say what the crowd wants to hear. If you are willing, you can be that who proves that **One Can Make a Difference!**

One man, Noah, Stood alone and preached for 120 years that it was going to rain. Everyone said he was a fool, that is, until the rain came. One boy, David, stood against the great giant

Goliath, he accomplished what armies failed to do, and he slew the giant. One woman, Esther, stood in defiance of the law and of the King of Persia, declared “if I perish I perish”. It was this kind of bravery that saved her nation from genocide. **One Can Make a Difference!** Not only is the bible replete with examples of individuals who have made a difference under difficult circumstances, but we have modern day soldiers of faith who against all odds and humongous obstacles have made

the difference, for example: Sojourner Truth, Harriet Tubman, Mary McLeod Bethune, Rosie Parks, Kamala Harris, Frederick Douglas, W.E.B. DuBois, Booker T. Washington, George Washington Carver, Martin Luther King, and Thurgood Marshall and of course Barak Obama, just to name a few. All of these heroines and heroes stood against the tide of racism and discrimination and made a difference.

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Our text for today is a familiar story about how Jesus came to meet the Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well. Hot, tired, and thirsty, Jesus stopped at the well to get a refreshing drink of cool water. The Samaritan woman was on a mission to get water from the well when Jesus asked her for a drink. Naturally, she was taken aback when He asked her, "you a Jew asking me a Samaritan for a drink of water"? That was unheard of, but Jesus responded by saying if you only knew who it was that was asking

you for water, you would ask of me and I would give you everlasting water. The woman was so inspired by her encounter with Jesus until she is just bubbling over with joy and feels that she just can't keep it to herself. So she goes all through the town shouting "Come see a man!" This one woman's energy and passion was so compelling that the scriptures recorded that the people not only heard her, but they responded by going out of the city to where Jesus was so that they could see

for themselves this man that she was shouting about. Her message wasn't complicated, it was not some long diatribe or soliloquy on who Jesus was, but there was something infectious in the way she spoke about Him and what He revealed to her about herself that no ordinary man could possibly have known, that compelled others to come and hear Him. She didn't seek a group to help her get the word out. There were no internet chat rooms she could go to, to spread the word. No

Facebook, no Twitter or Instagram to go to. There wasn't even a mentor, friend, or family member that she could have looked to for encouragement. No, she was just one person. One individual who met one man, who told her all about herself. One woman who couldn't keep the news all to herself! She was one person who was willing to make a difference! **One Can Make a Difference!**

The scriptures went on to record that "Many Samaritans from the city

believed in Him because of the woman's testimony." The lesson of the text is very simple; **One Can Make a Difference!** No matter how great the task, or how high the odds are stacked against you, when it comes to Jesus, He is greater in you than the world against you!

There is one more bonus lesson to be learned from this text as we come to the close of today's message; the scripture says "They said to the woman, it is no longer because of your words that we

believe, for we have heard for ourselves and we know that he is indeed the savior of the world". The lesson is this: It is great to hear about Jesus, but it's even better when you get to know Him for yourself!