



Third Sunday of Lent

A Well In The Wilderness

John 4:5-42

The Wilderness Is A Place To Tell The Truth

A Very Different Kind of Lenten Journey—Wilderness Wandering

But there is life in the wilderness...

Telling the Truth About Who We Are

Things I will never be... or do...

Post Secret—the liberation of speaking the truth

Sometimes it takes a wilderness moment to face the truth about us...

Today we're going to explore a familiar story from a different angle

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- Jesus and his disciples travel to Samaria—stop at Jacob's well near Shechem
- The Samaritan woman is the subject of a lot of speculation—who was she?
- Jesus speaks to her—engages her—debates her... all a sign of respect
- But then there's a moment where things get real—"Call your husband."
- The woman confronts the truth about herself—in light of how Jesus treated her.
- Being known gives her freedom to know—she hears a startling word.
- The truth changes her—turns her into a witness, sets her free

The wilderness is where we can tell the truth about ourselves because it's there that we encounter the One who truly knows us, and loves us.

What have you been telling yourself that isn't true?

The Samaritan woman had a narrative for her life that had defined her.

It left her in shame, isolation, uncertainty...

Here's some truth that you need to hear right now...

You are not your mistakes. You are not your missteps.

There is no condemnation—no judgment...

Just truth—reconciliation—mercy and love.

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SERMON EXTRAS & FURTHER READING

FOR FURTHER READING:

A Way Other Than Our Own: Devotions for Lent
Walter Brueggeman

Bread and Wine: Readings for Lent and Easter
Various Authors

The Unvarnished Jesus: A Lenten Journey
Brian Zahnd

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