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John 4:27-42

.**John 4:27** And at this point His disciples came, and they marveled that He talked with a woman; yet no one said, “What do You seek?” or, “Why are You talking with her?”

Why don't you think they asked? Do you ever question God as to why He does things the way He does?

.Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: *“Wherever Christianity has become deeply rooted in a culture, the treatment of women has improved.”* Why?

.The scriptures record in **John 4:30** *“Then they went out of the city and came to Him.”* Look up **Luke 5:1** and **Luke 6:17, John 6:2**. **What was it about Jesus that people wanted to go out and meet Him? Has that changed in our day? If Jesus is not as attractive to people today, what has happened? How do we play a role in making Jesus attractive to people today?**

.Reflect as a group upon **John 4:35** *“Do you not say, “There are still four months and then comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!”* **What does that mean to you and me today? Does this mean we never sow, only reap? In this story, did Jesus both sow and reap?**

Prayer:

Father, my prayer is that I would be alert to the opportunities around me to both sow and reap. May my life in Christ reflect an attractiveness to You so that You would receive the glory. Thank you for the truth of Your Word to my heart.

Amen

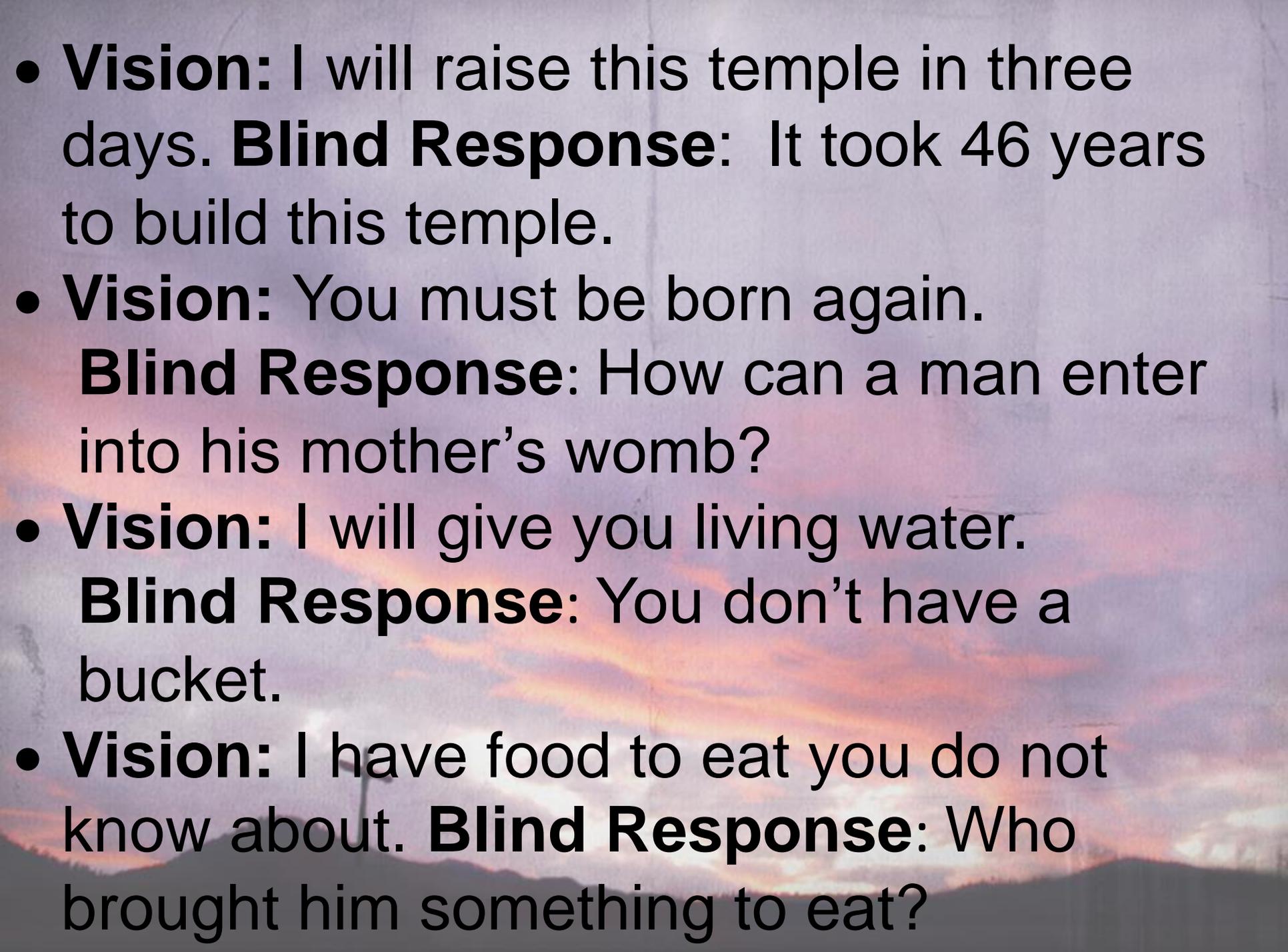
Highlights

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Four Glimpses of Our Blindness

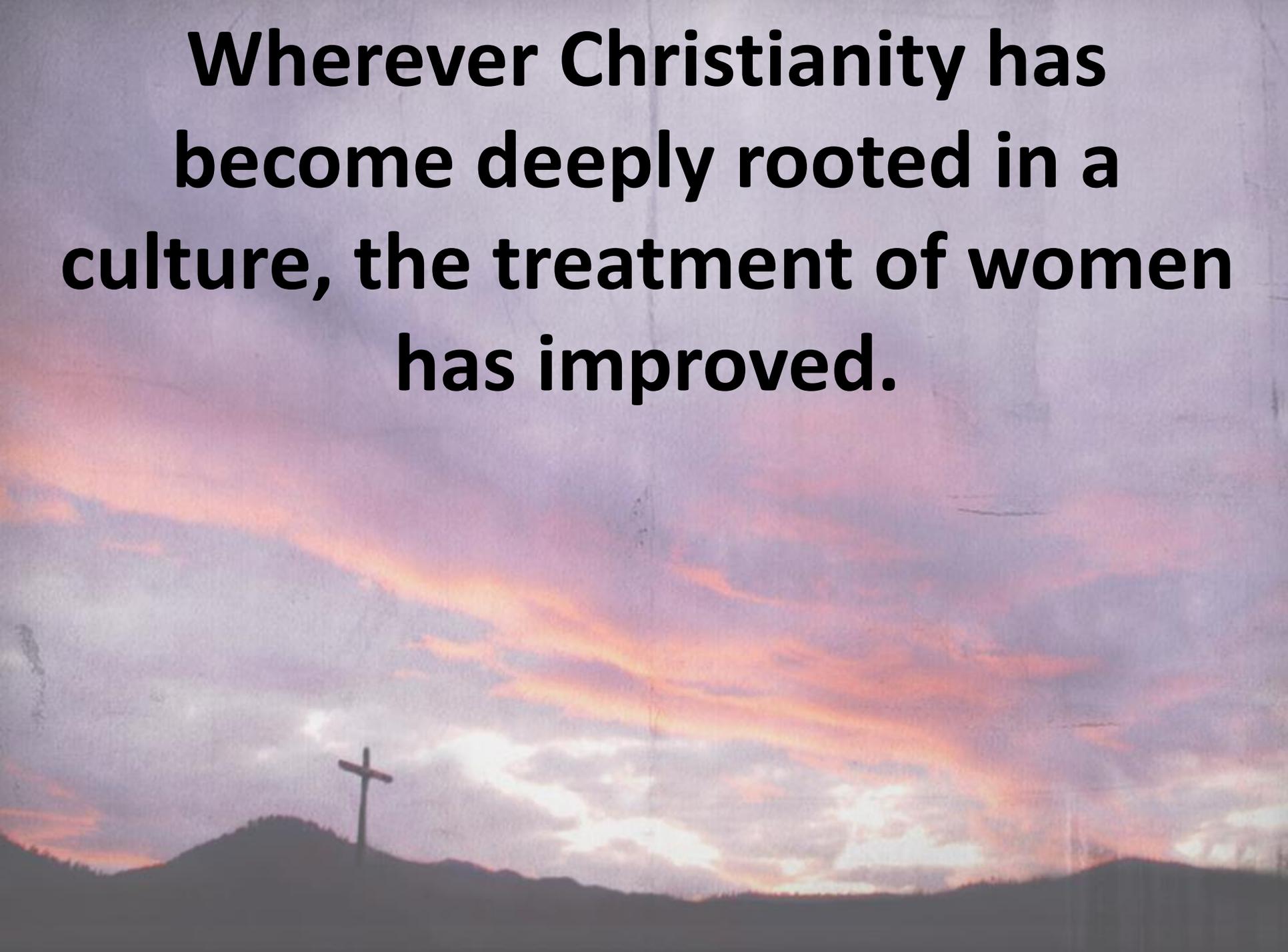
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- **Vision:** I will give you living water. **Blind Response:** You don't have a bucket.
- **Vision:** I have food to eat you do not know about. **Blind Response:** Who brought him something to eat?
- Notice here that she went back and spoke to the men, not the women
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- Notice here, that they came out to where He was. They sought Him out. They went out to the well of temporary water to find Him who is Living Water.
- Jesus is both sower and reaper at the same time. He is orchestrating the entire event by working as sower and reaper—speaking the word and reaping its fruit.
- All our labour is important. God uses men and women (sinful, forgiven men and women) to sow and reap. And we are always entering into the labour of another, especially Jesus'. His labour is always decisive .

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The woman then left her water pot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, “Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?” Then they went out of the city and came to Him.

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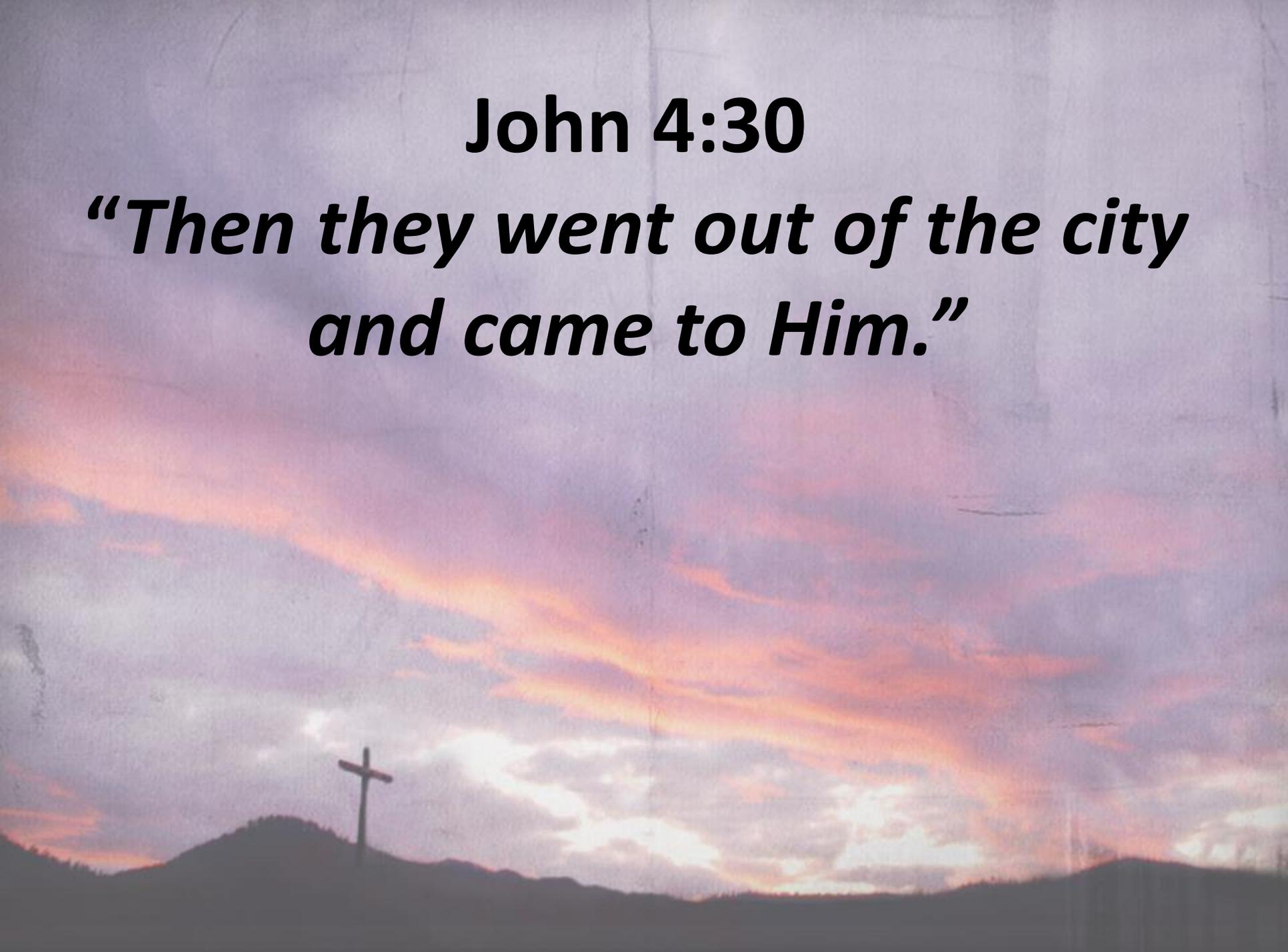


Wherever His word and His gospel take root and hold sway, men treat women with respect, and they take humble, courageous initiatives to protect women and create stable, loving families where the covenant faithfulness of husband and wife display the mystery of Christ to his church and to the world.”

John Piper

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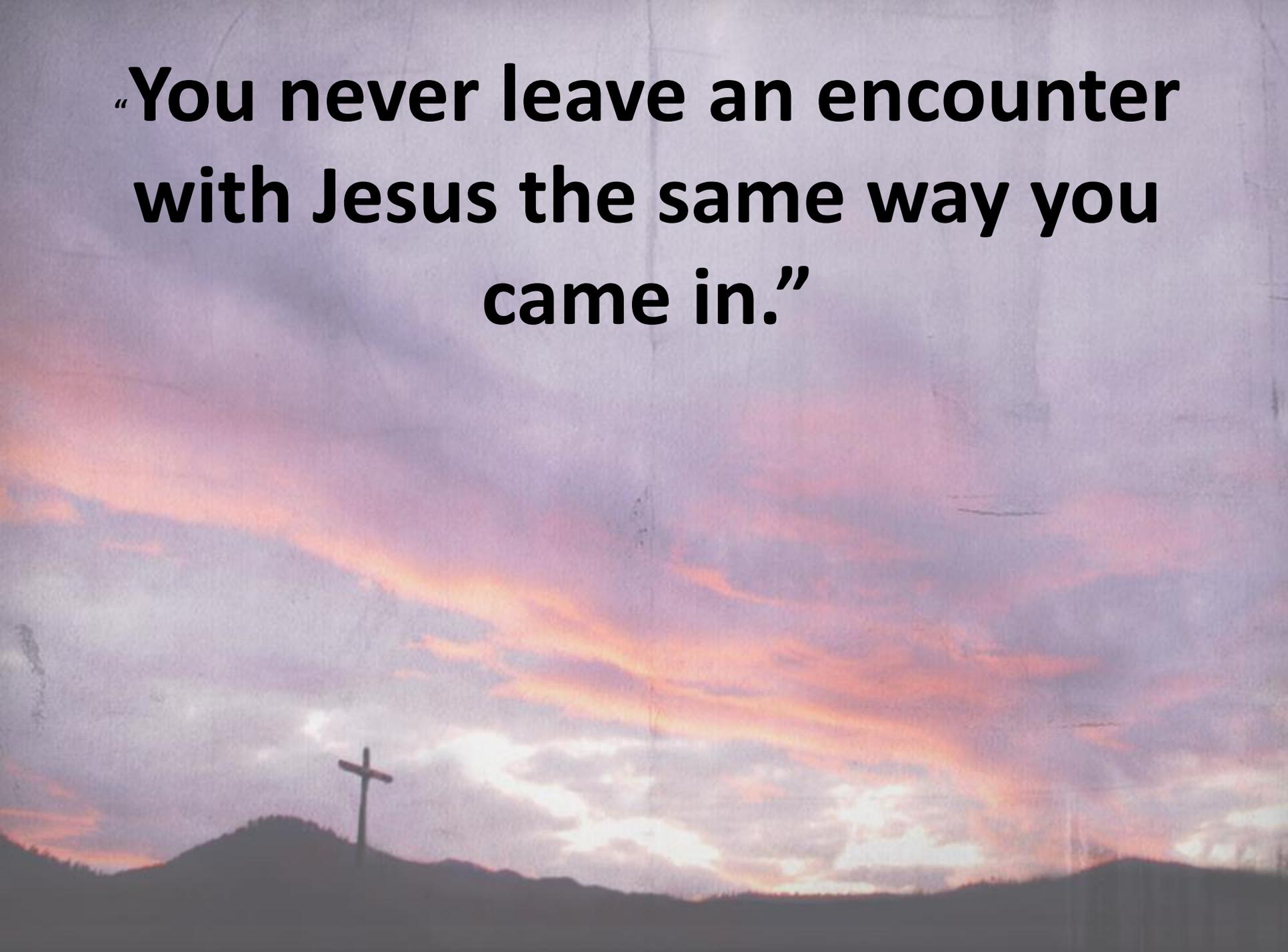
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**“You never leave an encounter
with Jesus the same way you
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Now, because of the hope and the change He offered this woman and the fact that she had now gone back to the city to testify of her change, He knew that this would speak to the hearts of many more.



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