

Day 11 Devotion

"God is Spirit and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

John 4:24

Many of us are familiar with this bible saying, but few of us would know where to find it in the bible. It is a key part of a story that is interracial, in which Jesus reaches across traditional boundaries of separation. Jesus, a Jew, was on one side and a Samaritan was on the other. His disciples were further shocked to find him talking to a woman. This was another traditional divide Jesus transgressed in this story.

The Jews worshiped in Jerusalem on Mt. Zion; the Samaritans had their own mountain. Worship was segregated. But Jesus declared, *"the time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem....true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks those who worship him.."*

He followed that up with a two-day visit in the hospitality of the segregated Samaritans. He accepted them in spirit and truth, and they accepted him. Jesus' explanation to his disciples was, *"I am fed by doing the will of the one who sent me and by completing his work."*

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*"O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console;
to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love. . . .
Make me an instrument of your peace." Amen
(from the prayer of St. Francis)*

Prompt:

How might you do the will of our Father and help overcome barriers of hostility in our divided land?

Is there any annoyance tied to racial perceptions you might need to work through?

Resource:

[Verna Myers: How to overcome our biases? Walk boldly toward them - YouTube](#)