

A photograph of the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, California, taken at sunset. The bridge's towers and suspension cables are silhouetted against a vibrant sky of orange, pink, and purple. The water of the bay is visible in the lower portion of the frame.

The River of Life

Crossing Cultures, Building Bridges

John 4:4-8

Now he had to go through Samaria. So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

John 4:9-10

The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

John 4:11-12

"Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his flocks and herds?"

John 4:13-15

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

John 4:28-30

Then leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Christ?” They came out of the town and made their way toward him.



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Principle #5

Reconciliation requires
Counter-cultural Social Action.



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Principle #6

Reconciliation requires
Relinquishing Power.



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Principle #7

Reconciliation requires
an **Authentic Spirituality**.

Principle #8

Reconciliation requires
Reciprocity.



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Principle #9

Reconciliation requires
Bridge People.

Revelation 22:1-2

*Then the angel showed me
the river of the water of life...
And the leaves of the tree
are **for the healing of the nations.***





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Principle #1

Reconciliation requires
a **Divine Mandate** from God.

Principle #2

Reconciliation requires a **Real Need** for people who are different from us.

Principle #3

Reconciliation requires
Intentional Interaction
between diverse people.

Principle #4

Reconciliation requires
Risk Taking.