

## Day 10 Colossians 2:6

Today I'd like us to think about our personal salvation experience. Here are a few questions to get us going.

- 1) When did you first hear about Jesus?
- 2) What made you think you needed a Savior?
- 3) What part of the message of Jesus struck you personally?

By the way - there are no wrong answers, just honest ones.

But what was the culmination of what led us to the gospel? What was its relevance to us?

I am not a nostalgic person at all. To a fault my husband would say. I do not like to think of the past, I like to be present in the present. If I'm honest my past is a bit messy to say the least and I'm not apt to not dwell on it.

But this exercise about salvation isn't about focusing on a sordid past. We all have our own brand of sin, but we are all in the same amount of need for salvation. This exercise is to help us remember the point where we were given understanding.

In that, we can also ask if the truth we were given has indeed transformed us. And if it has, are we still allowing the same truths to transform us?

In this particular Colossians text, we are told to reflect on that time when the gift was given, and when we took hold of it. Remembering our why helps us keep our perspective when we struggle.

One of my favorite stories about Jesus is His encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well in the gospel of John chapter 4. Here is what Jesus told her.

*John 4:10*

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

If you take time to read this full account, you will see that Jesus did reveal to her that He was the Messiah. And she ran with it. She went back to her community and became the first evangelist. Her amazement and wonder that this Messiah knew her!

Like this woman, Jesus knows us and offers us salvation that is living water. Salvation is the well we can constantly drink from. It is the place we can find perspective, love, acceptance, and peace. It is the place where we know we are known.

We have to take hold of the gospel and keep it in front of us. There is not a time where we will not need to remember it is our bottom line.

As we remember what drew us to our Father, we, like the Samaritan woman will want to tell the story, that this Messiah know us.