

used with people. I was looking for a story where Jesus had to initiate the conversation and bring up a topic the other person would be defensive about. I didn't have to read very far.

In John 4 Jesus runs across just this situation. It was culturally and socially an awkward moment. They could both be at the well, as long as neither of them acknowledged the other. That meant no eye contact, no touching and no speaking.

"Could I have a drink?" Wow, that blew up all of the social barriers in a single swoop. As her defenses kicked in, he addressed each one respectfully and kindly. "How can you, a Jew, ask me for a drink?" Then he mentions eternal thirst quenching water... and it is an "answer" to one of her unending problems.

Then Jesus reveals that he "gets her", that he understands her more than she thinks he does, "Go get your husband." When she admitted she was unmarried, he recited her troubled marital history and current circumstance. More defense... "What about the age old question of how we do worship? Who is right, your people or my people?" Jesus refuses to take the standard position of "We are right and you are a bunch of idiots."

She says, "Here is what I know, the Messiah is coming." Now Jesus does something he seldom does, He says, "I am that Messiah."

The lessons I learned to help me deal with others were, Be willing to go past what expected behavior is...Respect is given before truth is conveyed... Place truth in the context that it can be heard... and always admit who you are. And that is my model.

Grace and Peace,

Carl

Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.

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When I first started being involved with schools I had to ask myself a number of questions. The most important one was, "How do I talk to kids who have trouble with authority?"

Now I've spent thousands of hours reading psychology and sociology books, as well as journals. It is just part of the preparedness that one does for this kind of work. But the reality is that I've spent ten times the hours reading the Bible and related materials. So I reflected...

I see two kinds of kids. One group struggles socially. They don't know how to read other people very well. The result of that is they are socially ostracized. They don't have very many friends, and the friends they have are pretty volatile relationships. Frankly, with most of these kids, mom and dad or moms and dads haven't had very stable relationships either so they haven't seen it modeled very well.

The other group, well they are not doing very well socially or academically. They are on a trajectory that indicates without significant change they will not graduate school. Usually, this is a lower functioning child who has adopted either a "class clown" or "class bully" approach to school. We all know that neither of these end well.

The way that John tells the story of Jesus seems to highlight the relational interaction that Jesus

SUNDAY: Leisure Homestead Service – 9:30 am
Bible Study for all ages – 10:00 am
Worship Services – 10:45 am
WEDNESDAY: Adult Bible Study – 7:30 pm
Youth Group – 7:30 pm (at Carl's)
ELDERS: Richard Brensing, Teddy Gingrich,
Loyd Ratts, Terry Sallee, George Shelton
DEACONS: Jerry Kinnamon, Jon Mansel
TREASURER: Richard Brensing
MINISTERS: Carl Feril, Tom Turner

WORSHIP ORDER FOR MARCH 29, 2015

SONG LEADER: Gary Hornbaker
GATHERING SONG: No. 435 – Come Into His Presence
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: Daniel 9:7-19 – Tom Turner
SONGS: No. 770 – Dear Lord and Father of Mankind (vs 1, 4)
No. 4 – To God Be the Glory
No. 517 – Heaven Came Down
No. 586 – My Faith Looks Up to Thee (vs 1)
PRAYER: Jerry Kinnamon
SONG: No. 287 – There is a Redeemer
COMMUNION: Richard Brensing
Orrin Feril
Teddy Gingrich
Clint Kinnamon
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril
SONG: No. 291 – The Great Physician
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 902 – Nothing But the Blood (vs 1 & 3)
PRAYER: Garland Mansel

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WELCOME VISITORS

We are pleased you have joined us in worship today – please come again!

YOUTH GROUP

Plan to meet at Carl & Janet's on Wednesday evening @ 7:30 pm.

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR CHURCH IN PARRAL, CHIHUAHUA

Ubaldo Cardona recently sent a letter to us and has requested prayers for an upcoming meeting they are planning, which will be April 3 – 5. Please see his newsletter that is posted.

NO POTLUCK NEXT SUNDAY

**There will be NO potluck lunch next Sunday,
April 5TH, due to the Easter holiday.**

SILVER MAPLE CAMP EVENT

**“STRAIGHT TALK Into Human Behavior, Into the Heart of God”
Save the date – September 24-26, 2015**

An Equipping Workshop with Jerry & Lynn Jones; Worship Singing to be lead by Keith Lancaster; See information posted for more details. The seminar has required reading before attendance. Jerry Jones has written a new book that will be available Summer 2015 entitled *Straight Talk: Into Human Behavior, Into the Heart of God*. You can obtain a copy from College Press at www.collegepress.com or call at 1-800-289-3300 in Summer 2015. Cost \$100 per person for the workshop.

Church website: www.stjohnchurchofchrist.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

(Please provide updates to Janet)

Maggie Harris (Lisa's mother) –cardiac procedure scheduled for March 30th in Topeka
Raymond Hamilton – friend of Fred's in Trousdale; was scheduled to have a pacemaker put in last week
Millie Whitlow – at Clearwater; cancer spread to her liver
Darla Chapman (Calvin's wife, in Faith, SD) – thyroid cancer
Carol Gingrich – adjusting to new pacemaker/ defibrillator
Gladys Hornbaker – cataract surgery postponed
Juan Ortiz (son of Chito & Lolis Ortiz from Macksville) recovering from an auto accident; they request our prayers
Olen Munz – recovering from recent surgery for a brain tumor; living with his brother at Seward at this time
Jessica Keeton (one of Clint's former basketball players) has breast cancer that has spread to her spine and lymph nodes; our prayers are requested
Laura Wyatt –recuperating from broken ribs
Joy (Marilyn's daughter) –health concerns
Vesta Shelton (George's sister-in-law) recent stroke
Dena Mansel – health concerns
Lyndsey Dryden – still recovering from auto accident
Cody Dick – cancer; undergoing treatments
Roger Dick - cancer
Jonathan Batten – chemotherapy
Charlene Lyons (Chet's sister-in-law) – health concerns
Theo Birkett (Tara's mother)
Jim Sorensen (Tara's brother-in-law; monthly chemo for brain tumor)
Eldon Ivy (Marilyn's brother) – health concerns
Jim Soukup (Gingrich's son-in-law [Shari's husband])
Wilbur Kinnamon – Leisure Homestead in Stafford
Myron Brensing – Leisure Homestead in Stafford
Bonnie Guthrie (Kay's mother) – HomePlus in Stafford
Vic & Phyllis Staub – Kenwood Plaza