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THE NAVIGATOR

THE ARK'S GPS | GOSPEL POSITIONING SERMON

Breaking Stereotypes:

Jesus Meets the Samaritan Woman

by Pastor Bryan Evans, Sr.

Under the scorching sun of a dusty Samaritan noon, A woman, carrying the weight of judgment and shame, makes her solitary journey to the well. This woman, who remains unnamed in the Gospel of John, serves as a powerful symbol for all individuals who bear heavy burdens and yearn for a deeper purpose in life. Today, we explore her profound encounter with Jesus and uncover the life-giving water available to all who long for it.

This woman faced severe social exclusion, being judged and deemed morally and socially unacceptable. However, Jesus, going against the expectations of society, decides to interact with her. It is evident that the love of God knows no limits and surpasses all biases. His boundless grace reaches out to everyone, no matter their background or past actions.

Confronting Reality: Jesus fearlessly embraces the truth. He compassionately reveals her past, not to pass judgment, but to provide solace. The woman, initially resistant, acknowledges his power. This encounter serves as a powerful reminder that genuine healing often necessitates confronting the uncomfortable realities within ourselves and earnestly seeking forgiveness from God.

Proclaiming the Gift of Life: Jesus does not simply provide ordinary water, but rather offers "living water," a source of everlasting life. He offers to satisfy her brings enduring peace and joy.

Transformation and Witness: The woman, deeply moved by her encounter, and with a fiery passion burning within her, abandons her water jar and hurries toward the town, filled with an overwhelming desire to spread her newfound joy and unwavering faith. It is a powerful reminder that when we experience the love of God, we are compelled to share it with others. We are

called to be passionate messengers, fervently sharing our personal experiences and extending an invitation for others to partake in the abundant source of life-giving sustenance.

In judging the Samaritan woman, the people of her time relied on easy stereotypes based on ethnicity and perceived morals. We, however, must resist falling into the same trap. Remember, Jesus saw her soul, not her background. Let's strive to do the same, looking beyond labels and prejudices to see the human being and their potential for transformation.



THE CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Soul Anchor Church is entering a new chapter as District Elder Christine Young retires as Senior Pastor, marking the end of her remarkable 17-year tenure and more than five decades of devoted ministry. Executive Pastor Bryan Evans will assume leadership of the church during an elevation ceremony on Sunday, June 9, 2024, at 6:00 PM ET.

Celebrating District Elder Young's Legacy:

District Elder Young has played a pivotal role in the development and nurturing of the Soul Anchor Church, cultivating a thriving community of believers. Her remarkable qualities of wisdom, compassion, and unwavering dedication to serving others will be deeply cherished and celebrated. Soul Anchor and the Young family have announced plans to host a retirement celebration in 2024.

Embracing Pastor Evans with Warmth and Hospitality:

Pastor Evans has been an integral part of Soul Anchor for the past 3 years, serving as Executive Pastor and demonstrating a remarkable combination of experience and dedication to the church. The congregation deeply respects and admires his vision for the community and sense of belonging. Pastor Evans is commemorating two decades of ministry this year and will be marking this significant achievement during the weekend of his promotion to senior pastor. You are cordially invited to attend. More information is forthcoming.

An Exciting New Chapter:

The leadership change at Soul Anchor Church represents a seamless transition, marking the beginning of an exciting new chapter. Pastor Evans is committed to honoring District Elder Young's legacy while infusing his own distinct vision and vitality into the progression of the ministry. The church community stands firmly behind him as he sets off on this new endeavor.



ELEVATE

OUR MESSAGE OF HOPE

Elevate Hope Through Improved Audio & Video!

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Your contribution will help us:

- Upgrade our sound system for richer, clearer audio during services and events.
- Invest in high-quality video equipment to create professional recordings for online worship and outreach.
- Improve our live streaming capabilities to connect with a wider audience and strengthen our online presence.
- Train and develop our volunteers and staff to effectively manage and administer the technology used to elevate hope.

By participating, you're not just investing in technology, you're investing in:

- Sharing the message of hope and faith more effectively.
- Reaching new people in our community and beyond.
- Creating a more welcoming and engaging worship experience for everyone.



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or go to soulanchorchurch.org/elevate
GIVE. ENGAGE. PRAY.

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Seeking meaningful connections, shared interests, and deeper faith? Look no further than Soul Anchor Church's Connect Groups! These dynamic gatherings offer opportunities for fellowship, learning, and support around topics curated by passionate leaders and members like you.

Why Connect Groups?

- Discover your community: Bond with like-minded individuals who share your interests, hobbies, or life stage.
- Explore diverse topics: Dive into thought-provoking discussions on faith, current events, relationships, hobbies, and more.
- Grow deeper in your faith: Engage in Bible studies, prayer circles, and discussions that strengthen your journey.
- Give and receive support: Build genuine connections and find encouragement through shared experiences and uplifting conversations.

Connect Groups cater to a wide range of interests and needs.

- Faith & Scripture: Dive deeper into biblical teachings, discuss current faith topics, and explore personal growth opportunities.
- Hobbies & Interests: Connect with others who share your passion for cooking, sports, music, gaming, or other activities.
- Life Stages: Find support and camaraderie with groups tailored to young adults, singles, families, seniors, and more.

Ready to Connect?

Joining a Connect Group is easy! Visit our website or church office to browse group descriptions and find one that interests you. Most groups meet weekly in relaxed settings, offering a welcoming space for connection and growth. Take the first step towards meaningful relationships and a deeper sense of belonging. Join a Connect Group today!

INTRODUCING OUR DIGITAL CAMPUS

Beyond Borders, Bound by Faith: Join Soul Anchor's Digital Campus!

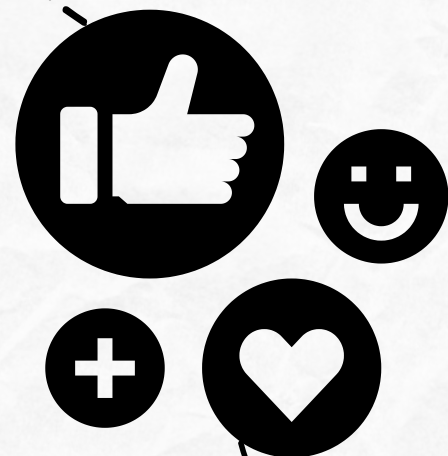
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Join a thriving, nationwide community of believers who experience transformative ministry delivered directly to their homes through:

- **Engaging Live Services:** Stream our dynamic worship experiences and sermons, led by passionate pastors, anytime, anywhere.
- **Interactive Bible Studies:** Dive deeper into Scripture with online groups led by experienced facilitators, fostering discussions and community.
- **Relevant Content:** Access a library of podcasts, devotionals, and other resources designed to meet your spiritual needs in every season.
- **Connected Community:** Engage with fellow believers through online forums, virtual events, and 'connect group' opportunities, building meaningful connections beyond location.

No matter your life stage or location, Soul Anchor's Digital Campus provides a supportive environment for spiritual growth and connection. We offer innovative and strategic programming, addressing the needs of believers in both life and godliness.

Ready to experience the power of community that transcends distance. Join Soul Anchor's Digital Campus today! Visit our website to explore further and connect with our Digital Campus community.



OUR 2024 THEME: THE YEAR OF

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Building the A.R.K. of Today and Tomorrow.

**WEEKLY
WORSHIP**

MW

Prayer - Praise - Worship - Word

MORNING WORSHIP

Every Sunday at 10:00 AM

MIDWEEK WORSHIP

Every Wednesday at 6:00 PM

MONTHLY FOCUS AT A GLANCE

➤ **JANUARY**
INITIATION

➤ **FEBRUARY**
CONSECRATION

➤ **MARCH**
TRAINING

➤ **APRIL**
EXECUTION

➤ **MAY**
WOMEN

➤ **JUNE**
MEN

➤ **JULY**
REFLECTION

➤ **AUGUST**
YOUTH

➤ **SEPTEMBER**
FELLOWSHIP

➤ **OCTOBER**
WELLBEING

➤ **NOVEMBER**
HARVEST

➤ **DECEMBER**
PLANNING