

# PURSUING OUR CAPACITY

A person with a backpack stands on a rocky mountain peak, looking out over a vast, hazy landscape of rolling hills and valleys.

Ready to Influence?

**“Example is not the  
main thing in  
influencing others.  
It is the only thing.”**

Dr. Albert Schweitzer

# 1. Influence - Steps Towards...

John 4:5-9 NLT

<sup>5</sup> Eventually he came to the Samaritan village of Sychar,... <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there; and Jesus, tired from the long walk, sat wearily beside the well **about noontime**. <sup>7</sup> **Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water**, and Jesus said to her, "Please give me a drink." <sup>8</sup> He was alone at the time because his disciples had gone into the village to buy some food. <sup>9</sup> The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?"

## 2. Influence – Reveals...

John 4:10, 13-14 NLT

<sup>10</sup> Jesus replied, “If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water.”

<sup>13</sup> Jesus replied, “Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. <sup>14</sup> But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life.”

### 3. Influence – Recognises...

John 4:15-18, 25-26 NLT

<sup>15</sup> “Please, sir,” the woman said, “**give me this water!** Then I’ll never be thirsty again, and I won’t have to come here to get water.”

<sup>16</sup> “Go and get your husband,” Jesus told her. <sup>17</sup> “I don’t have a husband,” the woman replied. Jesus said, “You’re right! You don’t have a husband— <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and you aren’t even married to the man you’re living with now. You certainly spoke the truth!” ...

<sup>25</sup> The woman said, “I know the Messiah is coming—the one who is called Christ. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”

<sup>26</sup> Then Jesus told her, “**I am the Messiah!**”



# Our Call - *Salt & Light*

Matt. 5:13-14 NLT

<sup>13</sup> "You are the salt of the earth..."

<sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world..."



# Areas That Build Influence...

**Wisdom** Luke 2:52<sub>NLT</sub><sup>52</sup> Jesus **grew in wisdom** and in stature and in favour with God and people.”

**Trust** Prov. 3:3-4<sub>NLT</sub> Never let **loyalty** and **kindness** leave you! ...Write them deep within your heart. <sup>4</sup> Then you will **find favour** with both God and people, and you will earn a good **reputation**.

**Generosity** Ps. 112:9<sub>NLT</sub> They **share freely** and **give generously**... Their good deeds will be remembered forever. They will have **influence** and **honour**

## 4. Influence... Gives a New Voice!

John 4:28-30, 40-42 NLT

<sup>28</sup> The woman left her water jar beside the well and ran back to the village, telling everyone, <sup>29</sup> “Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could he possibly be the Messiah?” <sup>30</sup> So the people came streaming from the village to see him...

<sup>40</sup> When they came out to see him, they begged him to stay in their village. So he stayed for two days, <sup>41</sup> long enough for many more to hear his message and believe. <sup>42</sup> Then they said to the woman, “Now we believe, not just because of what you told us, but because we have heard him ourselves. Now we know that he is indeed the Saviour of the world.”



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