



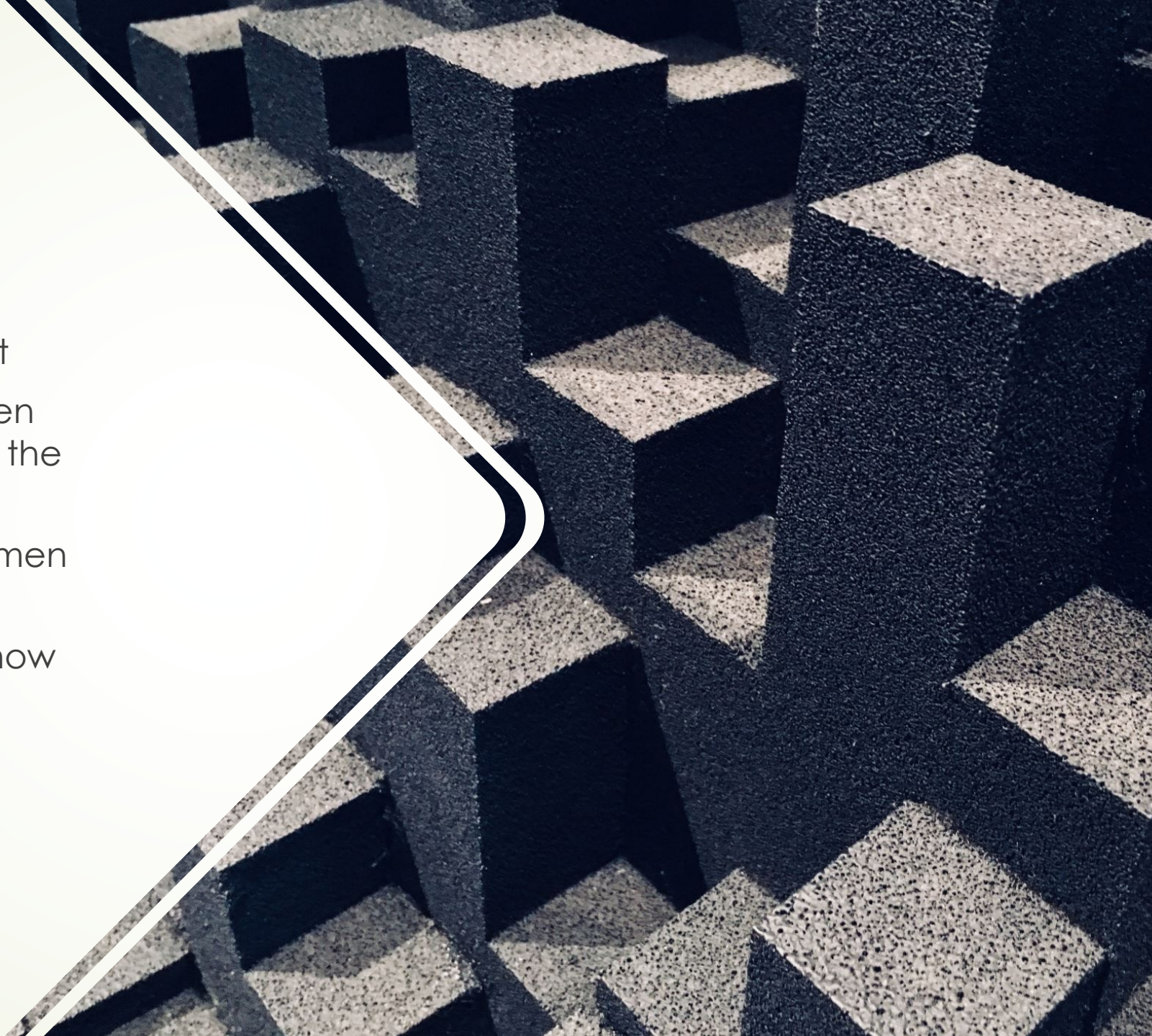
# The Woman at the Well

John Chapter 4

Verses 1-26 & 39-42

# Every WORD matters!

- ▶ 42 verses dedicated to this event
- ▶ The longest conversation between Jesus and a woman recorded in the Bible
- ▶ 151 spoken words – very few women in the Bible have so much to say
- ▶ And yet we don't even get to know her name
- ▶ A truly astounding encounter
- ▶ And the disciples missed it!



# The Road to Samaria - discuss

- Did Jesus HAVE to go through Samaria to reach Galilee?
- Why then did he NEED to go through Samaria?
- What was the big deal about going through Samaria anyway?
- What was so special about Sychar and why was it once important to the Jews?
- Why was it still important to the Samaritans?
- Why was it important to Jesus?





# The Woman at the Well

- Why was she at the well at the sixth hour and why was she there alone?
- What had she done that was so bad?
- Why was she so worried when Jesus spoke to her?
- Why did she stay and talk to Jesus?
- What did he say to her that piqued her interest?
- Was she a religious person?
- Why did she believe him when he told her about the “living water”?

- At first what did she think that he was and why?
- At what point in the conversation do you think that she started to wonder if this was in fact more than just a man?
- What was she so desperate to receive?
- What is the significance of the mountains?
- What would have been so shocking to her and to the disciples about what Jesus tells her about "the hour" that is coming?
- How do we know that she already had faith?

Could this be  
the Christ?



# He told me everything I ever did!

At the end of the conversation, the disciples return

- What was their reaction and was it reasonable in the circumstances?
- What effect would their return have had on the woman?
- Why did Jesus send them ALL away in the 1<sup>st</sup> place?

How do you think the woman was feeling

- When she arrived at the well
- After meeting with Jesus

How did the townspeople react when she told them her story?

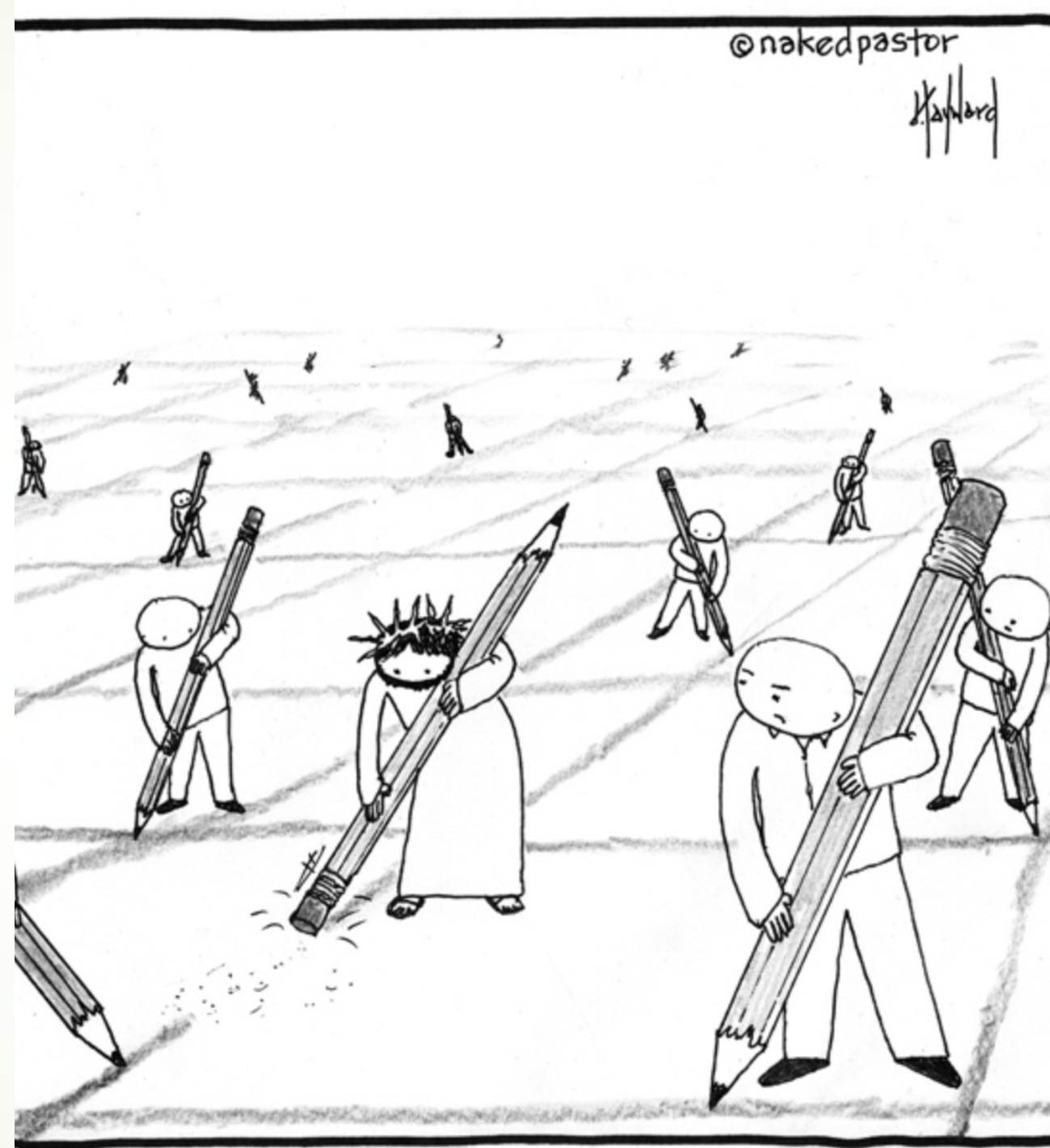
- What surprises you about their reaction?
- Can you think of a comparison in the bible to a similar event and what can we learn from it?

Was that the end of the story?

- Does the reaction of the townspeople surprise you?
- What might the disciples have learned from this experience that could have been useful to them?

# A lesson for the 21<sup>st</sup> century?

- ▶ How does the story make you feel?
  - ▶ About the woman at the well
  - ▶ About Jesus
  - ▶ About the disciples
  - ▶ About yourself
- ▶ What do you think might have happened to her after her meeting with Jesus and his visit?
- ▶ What do you think might have happened to the Samaritan village and townspeople?
- ▶ What can we learn from this story in 2022?





# Notes from Bible Study 8/11/22

- ▶ Jesus can reach anybody anywhere anytime
- ▶ God knows what's going to happen before it happens
- ▶ He uses people to magnify his message – many people believed because of HER testimony
- ▶ She was READY to respond to Jesus – HE will pursue you if He knows you
- ▶ There is NO hiding place
- ▶ Don't miss the opportunity to be a witness
- ▶ Don't see differences, see opportunities