

The Gospel According to John

Thoughts from Wanda Edmondson on the
Reading for Week of January 26: John 3:22-4:42
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One of the things that I've always loved about reading the Gospel of John and trying to understand, is that I feel like while Matthew, Mark, and Luke are, more or less, the *facts* of the Gospels – in John, I feel like it's the *heart*.

When I was much younger and I studied, even in college, when I took a New Testament class, I think I took everything from the Gospel that I could understand –to the best of my understanding *then*— and tried to use it in my life, then. But as I've grown older, I just so realized that God's love for us is so much deeper than we can ever imagine. I think as I study it now, I feel more and more the challenge to share that Gospel. I am the grandmother of two grandchildren, and I think that is the highest calling that I could have: an opportunity to share with them this Jesus that is revealed in these passages.

I think as I read John, particularly the third and fourth chapters, I was challenged again to try to understand what Jesus was saying when He talked about food that you know not of, and living water. Those are hard things for us to understand, and I certainly understand why the woman at the well – she really did not understand what Jesus was telling her— but she knew that she was encountering a very special, special person. And then she went to *tell* others that she had encountered this very special man. And I think that's such a great lesson for us, because, it is a great Gospel and sometimes we tend to keep that for ourselves. And I think that being able to *share* it with others is what Jesus asks us to do.