

Systems- The revolution against them will not be on a Reel

John 4

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Welcome to Summer

I appreciate the 3 best parts of Teaching in the US... June July and August. A system that comes out of a different time that we have not changed, though the purpose of it has.



The impact of systems are not always felt right away
Because they slow change down. Not always a bad thing.

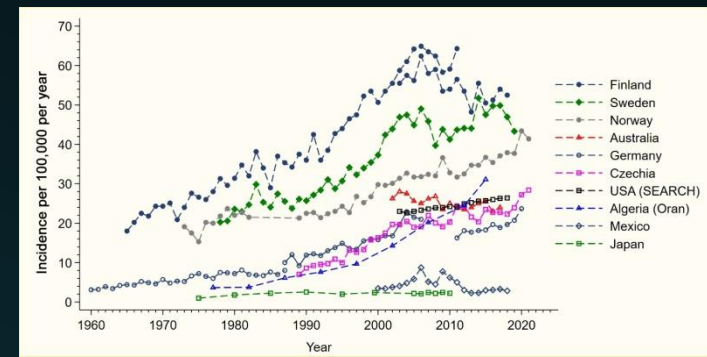
Overcoming a System requires Pushing against it, and the system will fight back...

The system we had was one with regular sugar, Regular taste (savory and Fat content), Regular portions that we had adjusted to..

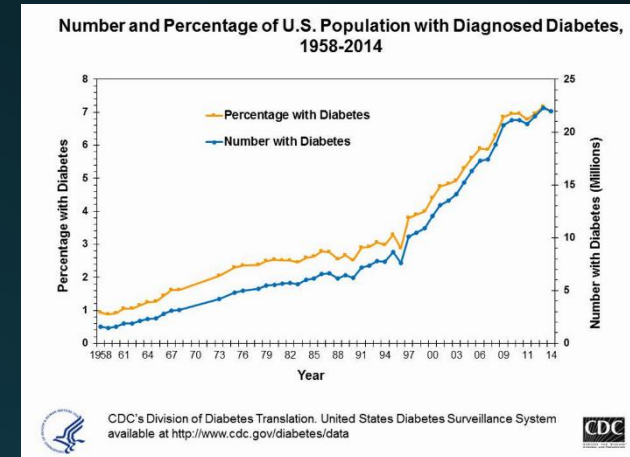
The push against that system was systematic, and based on Greed... And Silent... The impact is real.

Elon Musk- love or hate the trillionaire, does not like Systems, and that is one reason why is successful. Examples

1. Production email. 2. Rocket Failure. Failure IS an Option and a feature and change can happen Quickly... but for good or bad...



Charts on diabetes based on the systems we mentioned last time



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John 4 Old and Older Systems Week 1

- **Jesus Talks With a Samaritan Woman**
- **4** Now Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that he was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John— **2** although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples. **3** So he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee.
- **4** Now he had to go through Samaria. **5** So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. **6** Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.
- **7** When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" **8** (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)
- **9** The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans. [\[a\]](#))
- **10** Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."
- **11** "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? **12** Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"
- **13** Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, **14** but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."
- **15** The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

John 4 Continued

- ¹⁶ He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.”
- ¹⁷ “I have no husband,” she replied.
- Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. ¹⁸ The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.”
- ¹⁹ “Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”
- ²¹ “Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”
- ²⁵ The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”
- ²⁶ Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”

This Month we are Looking closely at John 4 and the systems Present

This is our First Week, and we want to look at the impacts of systems in our world and how we are impacted by them.

- The Gender separation system.
- The system of hatred between Jews and Samaritans.
- The system of Shame for things people do.. The 5 husbands not looked highly upon.
- The Older system of the Messiah who would come and teach and fix all ungodly systems.
- The human need- System of feeling seen and valued...



Systems... What we live in during this age.

- Systems are- Systems, are like Authorities... The actors, organisms, tools, etc. used to process and rules and methods of getting things carried out. They interact with each other like the systems of the body, but each has their own skills and tasks. Systems require point people or self regulation to perform their tasks.
- God operates with structures and systems. He delegates Authority to accomplish the goals he sets. He gave mankind Authority, but they had to prove loyal to his system. He set Satan in motion to test that, Loyalty.

More Systems

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- **Neutral Systems (Functional but Prone to Corruption)**
- **The Monetary System:** Currency (shekels, denarii), weights, balances, and market trading.
- **The Taxation System:** Revenue collection used by both Israelite kings and foreign empires to fund infrastructure or tribute. (Levi's name gets changed when he is part of a different System, Peter's name gets changed when he goes from being a disciple to a church builder... a Rock, Lucifer gets his name changed when he goes from being part of the angelic system to God's Challenge system... i.e Adam and Eve and Job, etc.)
- **The Legal System:** Courts, witnesses, and contracts (like deeds of purchase) used to maintain social order.
- **The Census System:** Population tracking and demographic counting used for military conscription and resource allocation.
- **Negative Systems (Spiritual & Oppressive)**
- **The System of Principalities:** Hostile cosmic hierarchies, spiritual rulers, and demonic authorities operating in the unseen realm.
- **The World System ("Cosmos"):** The global network of human culture, philosophy, and values operating independently of God.
- **The Imperial System:** Totalitarian empires (Egypt, Babylon, Rome) built on human trafficking, slave labor, and military conquest.
- **The System of Legalism:** Rigid religious systems that weaponize laws to oppress people while ignoring justice and mercy.

Systems Thrive when they are self sustaining

- Systems of Sin (human, corporate, systematic sin) and Death (the persistent and sometimes sudden process of life dying), are important... God allowed them to flow out of our choice when Adam sinned. It is like being overweight- the choices that created our current system of obesity- which leads to death... they are not merely things, but systems.. that is why we can't just not sin,(or as a people just lose weight) we are in it's system. We get removed from that system in the coming age ... but until then, we have to deal with the system we are in... God sets up systems of authority, but because of sin.. Instead of protecting and serving they can also cause harm.
- We can stand against corrupt systems, but even then it requires other systems, like laws, financial system pressure, etc. When we evangelize an disciple we must be aware of these systems that we are a part of. We can't just disciple without money... Paul made tents to help pay for his ministry or he had to depend on others who made tents etc. to support him.. There are subtle systems, like Pax Britannica that kept the seas safe for hundreds of years... Overcoming Piracy but some systems get strained... and when the protector is doing the killing that is a problem... Britian did it because of what it got of the process, then the US took over... and it is expensive, one reason why our defense budget is so large...

To Overcome a System You must push against it... When people's pride and greed are in play- they Fight back.

Mat 10: ¹⁶ "I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. ¹⁷ Be on your guard; you will be handed over to the local councils and be flogged in the synagogues. ¹⁸ On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. ¹⁹ But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, ²⁰ for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

²¹ "Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. ²² You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. ²³ When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. Truly I tell you, you will not finish going through the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

²⁴ "The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵ It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!


²⁶ "So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. ²⁷ What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. ²⁸ Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. ³⁰ And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

- JESUS fought the System, and it hated him for it, so it will hate us, we can't fight the system with the systems tools- Hate, Lies, Anger, Malice, Pride, we have to fight it with God's Truth, Love, and Selflessness. This Fight is different from the Count it all Joy Fight when you go through trials (in James), but connected. We go through trials because they perfect us, but they are also often a result of poor systems, that we have to learn to fight against.

Week 2 John 4: 27-38

- **The Disciples Rejoin Jesus**

- **John 4:** ²⁷ Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?”
- ²⁸ Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, ²⁹ “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?” ³⁰ They came out of the town and made their way toward him.
- ³¹ Meanwhile his disciples urged him, “Rabbi, eat something.”
- ³² But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you know nothing about.”
- ³³ Then his disciples said to each other, “Could someone have brought him food?”
- ³⁴ “My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. ³⁵ Don’t you have a saying, ‘It’s still four months until harvest’? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. ³⁶ Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. ³⁷ Thus the saying ‘One sows and another reaps’ is true. ³⁸ I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor.”



John 3,4, 5 Deal with the system of this age and Jesus' subverting those systems in the present, but also in his Disciples (and unlike Jesus, we have it in us as well). Be aware of this!

- Notice the Sexism/ Racism of the Disciples
 - Q. Why did they Question him speaking to a woman?
 - Q. Notice John had to write that as part of the story because he was giving testimony of God's System that supersedes the systems of tradition. How do you think John felt at the time?
 - Q. What does this look like practically today in how we see and treat people? The Samaritan woman is a GIANT of the Faith... and an evangelist!
- Notice the Hierarchy that keeps them Quiet...
 - Q. Are there times we need to not be Quiet?
 - Q. How did Jesus teach his disciples? By messing with their sense of superiority to women, to Samaritans, and to show them, that they could believe...
 - How do we show this to disciples?

The system of Cain's City vs the Garden Walls versus visitation

The City



- Cain was one of the first to make systems that run our lives today... The very Nature of the City... Even God Copies it... God Goes from being the God of the garden to the God of the City... The New Jerusalem, with a River of Life. His redemption of Cain's system is powerful...

How to we subvert the systems?

- **Through God's Kingdom and system that sets things straight for the next age.** Put God's Older kingdom first. One that Loves, has mercy, does not play when people show faithlessness (like with the snakes, Korah, Ananias and Saphira), flipping tables and calling people white washed graves, but also shows mercy for all who come to him.. David, Peter, etc.
- **Through authentic Love- Jesus' love covered a multitude of sin...** God "lies..." He did not want people to be stoned for adultery, He wanted them to come to him with their sin. This is the difference between Peter and Judas... David committed Adultery and Murder and God does not demand his blood, but his presence. How David handles his sin, trusting God to be judge, kept him from despair... Suicide is forgivable, just like murder is...but the system in place for forgiveness requires being a Christian first. Source: <https://www.gotquestions.blog/suicide-Bible.html>
- **Through not focusing on individual sins, but individual choice to choose God's Kingdom on His terms... Not about individual sins, but about choosing God's kingdom over the WORLD system.** Jesus did not focus on the Samaritan woman's "mistakes or choices" but her heart.



Week 3 John 4:39- 42 Happy Father's Day

- **Many Samaritans Believe**
- ³⁹ Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. ⁴¹ And because of his words many more became believers.
- ⁴² They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world."

Jesus' angry miracles... in Cana...

- The first sign was Jesus turning water into wine... (his mother- with faith) And he is not happy about it... Then he heals a royal's child... (with faith) and refused to let people see the miracle. **You people!** (without Faith) Systems... and calling out Poor responses, Sexism, Lack of faith, etc. to Change how people see systems.

John 2 On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

⁴ "Woman, ^[a] why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

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The man took Jesus at his word and departed. ⁵¹ While he was still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living. ⁵² When he inquired as to the time when his son got better, they said to him, "Yesterday, at one in the afternoon, the fever left him."

⁵³ Then the father realized that this was the exact time at which Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." So he and his whole household believed.

What is a Disciple? TO quote Public Enemy... One who Fights the Power (the systems) and counts the cost of that because the power will hate you and the Revolution will not be Televised... or put in a reel... Be careful though... The revolution often starts within...



The Revolution will not be recorded, it will be live.

“When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant, I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years.”

- MARK TWAIN

“**Good dads**” are men who have met two criteria. First, they have laid down their lives in some measure in order to “give life” to something outside themselves, and second, that “something” has proven to be of enduring value.

By Aimee Riegert, Mary Pope

TO be a Disciple is to get rich like the rich get rich...
COPY Successful SYSTEMS!!!!

I Corinth 10:

³¹ So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. ³² Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God— ³³ even as I try to please everyone in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved. **11¹ Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.**

LEGAL
cheating



Comic books copy each other all the time.. Namor and Aquaman, Wasp and Bumble B. Dr. Strange and Dr Fate, etc...

Week 3&4 John 4: 43-54 (The Good Father)

• Jesus Heals an Official's Son

⁴³ After the two days he left for Galilee. ⁴⁴ (Now Jesus himself had pointed out that a prophet has no honor in his own country.) ⁴⁵ When he arrived in Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him. They had seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, for they also had been there.

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⁵⁴ This was the second sign Jesus performed after coming from Judea to Galilee.



When the system gets inside, sometimes it has to go... The Flood... The Exodus, The Captivity. The Cross...

- We too must Die to Self... We must be humble, and allow God to humble us, as he did with the Prodigal son.. He was transformed by the challenge.
- David, and even Moses had to deal with this internal threat.
- Our Revolution starts with us, but we must feed on Jesus as a community as a city to retake the city...
- Joshua, Deborah and David and Jesus had to deal with the external threats..
- We are a CITY ON A HILL!!!
- Create Peace by sharing.. Generously.



WEEK 4: You can't make a revolutionary with a Reel, you have to go deeper and Fight the system still within you (James), and the system from outside. Blessed are the Revolutionaries who Persevere !

- James 1

² Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters,^[a] whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. ⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. ⁶ But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. ⁷ That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. ⁸ Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

⁹ Believers in humble circumstances ought to take pride in their high position. ¹⁰ But the rich should take pride in their humiliation—since they will pass away like a wild flower. ¹¹ For the sun rises with scorching heat and withers the plant; its blossom falls and its beauty is destroyed. In the same way, the rich will fade away even while they go about their business.

¹² Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.



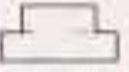
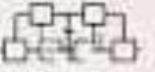

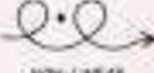

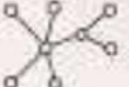



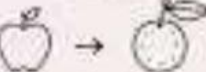
Once we know about Systems, we can see how God uses them to test our hearts... Having systems Thinking allows us to balance

- The bible Talks about Wisdom as being nourishment to our bones... Understanding knows the systems. Wisdom knows how to use them and address them effectively. And know for ourselves...John 4: 42 and what to Copy!
- For Clear Systems-Checklists... Not an insult, but respect for the system, and understanding our shortcomings. Cause and effect easy to see.
- We are trained by Systems... Mr. Webb or Mike... Talking with Stephen. When we know people in 2 different systems it is hard to change how we see them, or just what to call them... A former teacher becoming a colleague, for example.
- What ways have systems trained you? How can you see the systems and plan ahead?
- How do we Deal with the different types of systems? Clear complicated, Complex, Chaotic?
- Faith comes by Hearing AND Putting the Word into Practice through Challenges! To change the system internally is to disciples to feed 5000 men with 2 fish! To Retrain the mind to the old (but new to them) system!

Systems the different types and how they Train and Test us...

THINK IN SYSTEMS

TOOLS OF A SYSTEM THINKER

 PARTS	VS	 WHOLE		 STRUCTURES	VS	 PROCESSES
 LINEAR	VS	 NON-LINEAR		 HIERARCHIES	VS	 NETWORKS
 ANALYSIS	VS	 SYNTHESIS		 OBJECTS	VS	 RELATIONSHIPS

What does it mean to be a Christian living in systems? To be a Disciple(r) living in systems?

1. DART(Deconstruct, Analyze, Recognize, Test) ... Identify what type of systems you and others are impacted by... Remember Chaotic systems require Safety first! John 4:1-26
2. Learn the Nuances of the Systems for yourself and act in wisdom. Ex. the types of smoke so you don't spread a fire but instead put them out! (i.e. Racism/Sexism) when needed John 4:27-36, but also set fire in people's souls Like the Samaritan woman- Come see a man! John 4:37-42
3. Call out People who want a sign, but don't want faith! God's System Requires Faith... Heb. 11. Without faith it is impossible to please him.

God often turns Systems on their heads
Creating Cognitive Dissonance which Test the
hearts of those impacted...

**The Last
Will Be First**



People who had to deal with Cognitive Dissonance and came out better or Worse or both. Part of the problem of only thinking about things in binary ways, or looking at yourself from those binary ways.

Better

1. Jacob... 2nd born, learns humility I running
2. Joseph... Uses his dissonance story as one that glorified God for working all things together for the good.
3. Deborah... A judge that didn't fit the patriarchal paradigm.
4. Jonathan... Was first born and Could have been caught up in being King, or become a best friend of his replacement.
5. The Prodigal son... Said according to the current system, I don't deserve redemption, but I could at least be a servant.
6. Paul... The youngest of the Apostles who didn't even walk with Jesus becoming a key Apostle.
7. Others Examples you have seen when an underdog or someone outside the system Grows..

Worse

1. Cain- The older... Instead of being happy for his younger brother became Jealous.
2. Esau
3. Barak who didn't want to follow a woman's lead.
4. Miriam... The older sister, disciplined for jealousy clothed in racism.
5. Barak... Was not allowed to get the credit for a victory- but a woman would get it.
6. Joseph- He became arrogant before being humbled... A process that showed where his heart was.
7. David's Brothers... How they treat him is based on the visit of Samuel.
8. The Prodigal son's Brother... He didn't deserve a party... I will not go in.

How do you convince someone that the system they love is not good for them? YOU GIVE IT TO THEM! That is How God operates!

This is How God works...

- They wanted a King... He gave it to them! Saul... to reveal His and their hearts.
- They wanted the rules and Systems of Egypt... He gave them Rules... That showed the problem with man's heart.
- People want Liberal or conservative systems, but not God's System, or thanks for what he has done... He gives them over to their desires and idols Romans 1: 18-32.
- A son wanted to get his inheritance early. His father gave it to him... to test his heart.

This is How God doesn't work

- He doesn't force people to follow him! He doesn't make kings act right, he does send Prophets to share his will. They act out of their hearts.
- He doesn't make leaders act right, he often gives them over to their desires, or the people to the idols they follow... You follow a rain God, then it doesn't rain... so they know that God is not real! How people react to this discipline shows their heart.
- He doesn't Force you to go to the party! The prodigal son missed the party, or we don't know if he ever goes in... Love Requires free will, so the intent of the heart is clear.

Final Questions

John 4: Seeing the Worlds systems, and God helping us see their impact, and our reaction to them shows our hearts. That is what He is concerned about with us individually and collectively, especially as a church.

Systems are all around us. Seeing them, and having systems thinking can help us see the things we can change, and what we can do when we can't change some outcomes. Our Hearts are tested in these systems, what we prioritize, and how we react. In faith or not.

1. What are ways that God's System shake us at our core?
2. Why do we have to go through such challenges to get our hearts right?
3. Why is it tempting to question God for allowing us to go through challenges that hurt? What are some examples? How can we support each other in these things?
4. Why is it important to know that God works all things together for our good... Even when fighting against evil systems looking like we fail?
5. What are your take aways from this month's lesson ?