# **ENCOUNTERING JESUS!**DOUG REED // MARCH 12, 2017

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John 4:39 and 42 NIV'84

That's what a Jesus encounter does!

Mark 5:18-20 NIV'84

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Mark 5:28 NIV

Mark 5:34 NIV

"My daughter, you're valuable! Be thoroughly healed and go free, live in peace!" – Jesus

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1 John 1:21 NIV

When we stand condemned, we stand not alone!

John 8:4-6a NIV

We are all sinners! Romans 3:23

John 8:6b-11 NIV

James Merritt, "The religious leaders were in the rock-throwing business. Jesus was in the sin-healing business. They were in the guilt business; Jesus was in the grace business."

Luke 5:32 NIV

Jesus calls her up to a much better transformed life!

John 10:10 ESV

James Merritt, "Everyone one of us is in this sordid story...if we have ever blown it, failed, taken the wrong road, made the wrong choice, got caught in the act and are broken, this story demonstrates how Jesus takes brokenness and turns it into blessing."

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2 Corinthians 5:17 NLT

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'So What?' Challenge: Reflect-Respond-Reach Out-Retell!

Romans 6:4 NASB

Philippians 4:13 NLT

Romans 8:35 and 37 NIV'84

1 John 5:4-5 NIV'84

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# THE 'SO WHAT' CHALLENGE

#### THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE:

"for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God." 1 John 5:4-5 NIV

#### REFLECT

Questions to reflect on in your personal quiet time, with the family and/or in your Life Group.

- 1) What one point personally stood out from the message and why?
- 2) Tell the story of an individual or two with whom, a life encounter with them, positively impacted our life. Why?
- 3) When individuals encountered Jesus, what common denominators surface? What can we learn?
- 4) Read John 10:10 and 2 Corinthians 5:17. Then Discuss. Once we truly encounter Jesus, we can't or don't want to remain the same.
- 5) With whom can we identify in the Bible story examples and why?
- 6) What's the message Jesus versus our world? Grace versus Guilt.
- 7) Read Philippians 4:13, Romans 8:35 and 37 and 1 John 5:4-5. That's what a Jesus encounter does! Discuss.

### **RESPOND**

What personal response and/or possible life change do you have to what you have heard?

## **REACH OUT**

In regards to what has been revealed to you, what intentional action can you take this week to impact someone else for Christ?

# RETELL

Share how God has worked in you and through you with someone else – in personal conversation, in your Life Group or at c3ocala.com/retell.