

INFLUENTIAL
Matthew 5:13-16 & John 4:1-42
You Are...Week 3

You have no idea how ONE CONVERSATION, one word of ENCOURAGEMENT, or one EXPRESSION OF LOVE might CHANGE someone's life.

An influencer is: "an individual who has the power to affect PURCHASE decisions of others because of their AUTHORITY, knowledge, or relationship with their AUDIENCE."

"You are the salt of the earth ... ¹⁴You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." - Matthew 5:13-16 NIV

The problem with the current view of influence – Starts with a PLATFORM.

True and lasting influence always starts with PEOPLE before PLATFORM.

Influence isn't always INSTANT. Influence isn't always OBVIOUS. Just because you don't see the HARVEST, doesn't mean the SEED didn't take ROOT.

"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?" 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." -John 4:9-10 NLT

Jesus doesn't look at this woman at the well as an IMMORAL woman, but instead as a MIRACLE waiting to HAPPEN.

"The woman left her water jar beside the well and ran back to the village, telling everyone, "Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did!"

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Could he possibly be the Messiah?" ³⁰So the people came streaming from the village to see him."- John 4:28-30 NLT

No matter how bad your life is MESSED up, you're NEVER too far GONE for the TRANSFORMING love of Jesus.

You don't have to have your life all TOGETHER to INFLUENCE someone for Jesus!

"You know the saying, 'Four months between planting and harvest. But I say, wake up and look around. The fields are already ripe for harvest. The harvesters are paid good wages, and the fruit they harvest is people brought to eternal life. What joy awaits both the planter and the harvester alike! You know the saying, 'One plants and another harvests.' And it's true. I sent you to harvest where you didn't plant; others had already done the work, and now you will get to gather the harvest." – John 4:35-38 NLT

"Leadership is not about titles, positions or flowcharts. It is about one life influencing another." John Maxwell

"Many Samaritans from the village believed in Jesus because the woman had said, "He told me everything I ever did!" When they came out to see him, they begged him to stay in their village. So he stayed for two days, ⁴¹long enough for many more to hear his message and believe." - John 4:39-41 NLT

God has created you to influence others to the love of Jesus.