

**“I’ll Drink To That!”
Lessons From The Watering Hole
John 4:1-42 (page 738)**

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Jesus teaches us that we can *bridge*...

- the **R e l a t i o n a l** barrier (4:1-9)
 - by v a l u i n g others as *important* to God and *setting aside* any attitudes of s u p e r i o r i t y toward them
- the **C o m m u n i c a t i o n** barrier (4:10-15)
 - by e n g a g i n g others in the *daily affairs* of life and using *physical needs* to raise their s p i r i t u a l awareness
- the **J u d g m e n t a l** barrier (4:16-19)
 - by acknowledging the *conditions* r e a l i s t i c a l l y and not c o n d e m n i n g others for their *behavior*
- the **L e g a l i s t i c** barrier (4:20-24)
 - by allowing others to e x p r e s s *their views* and steering them toward a u t h e n t i c *worship*
- the **R e l i g i o u s** barrier (4:25-30)
 - by using what others k n o w about *Jesus* and *pointing* them to J e s u s, not to a religious c o n f o r m i t y
- the **S u p e r f i c i a l** barrier (4:39-42)
 - by making the t i m e for others and i n t e r a c t i n g *truthfully* and *authentically* with them.