



EPISODE TITLE: “The Lying Cheat at the Well”

Hookers, Looters and Cheats, Episode 5

Featured Guest: *Bruce Van Blair*

Bruce’s interests keep him going in several different directions including the start up of a new house church (now streamed live from our Countryside Chapel), and most recently joining the Countryside community to begin our new ministry “Converging Paths;” a partnership venture with the BTS Center in Bangor Maine, exploring our vocational callings in our everyday workplaces, and our leadership in faith communities. Bruce has written a wide collection of sermons as well as several books, including *The Believer’s Road*, and *In A Nutshell*.

Questions:

1. Does Bruce’s interpretation of the conversation between Jesus and the woman at the well challenge your ideas about either of them? In what ways?
2. What stood out for you from John 4:31-42?
3. In what ways does the message of Jesus cross boundaries? What boundaries in your life may need to be crossed?

Pneuma Divina Scripture: **John 4:31-42**

31 Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, ‘Rabbi, eat something.’³² But he said to them, ‘I have food to eat that you do not know about.’³³ So the disciples said to one another, ‘Surely no one has brought him something to eat?’³⁴ Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work.’³⁵ Do you not say, “Four months more, then comes the harvest”? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting.³⁶ The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.³⁷ For here the saying holds true, “One sows and another reaps.”³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.’

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, ‘He told me everything I have ever done.’⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days.⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word.⁴² They said to the woman, ‘It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.’