

BETTER CONNECTIONS

Part 1: Igniter Steps

THE NEVER ENDING SEARCH FOR A BETTER CONNECTION

- ❖ **Technology is still in play**
 - ◆ Cell phones and wifi
- ❖ **Better connections in our relationships**
 - ◆ Employee - employer
 - ◆ Marriage relationships
- ❖ **A better connection with God**
 - ◆ Wherever you are - moving from 2 bars to 3 bars
 - ◆ Will involve some form of movement on your part (*James 4:8 NKJV*)

CONNECTION STEPS (*John 4:46-53 NKJV*)

- ❖ **The nobleman initiated the connection with Jesus**
 - ◆ Effort involved on his part
 - ◆ His effort was fueled by a big need
- ❖ **He was confident enough to ask something big from Jesus**
 - ◆ His position as a nobleman may have empowered him
- ❖ **He did not disconnect at Jesus answer**
 - ◆ Thrown the proverbial curve ball
 - ◆ Stayed connected
- ❖ **The big faith connection**
 - ◆ He believed what Jesus had spoken to him. Personal = powerful
 - ◆ He acted on what Jesus said - without seeing anything confirming

IGNITING A BETTER CONNECTION TO GOD

- ❖ **Be willing to make a move**
 - ◆ Does not have to be monumental - shift in attitude or a resolve to do differently
 - ◆ It's within your ability
 - ◆ Can be need driven but does not have to be - how do you value a better connection
- ❖ **Embrace an accurate picture of who you are spiritually**
 - ◆ Buy into righteousness - believing that Jesus made us right with God (*2 Corinthians 5:21 NKJV*)
 - ◆ Knowing our elevated place gives us boldness to ask
- ❖ **Recognize that with God faith is always involved** (*2 Corinthians 5:7 NKJV*)
 - ◆ We work on a different operating system