

Search & Rescue

“Basic Training in SAR”

What Do I Need to Do in Performing Spiritual SAR?

- 1. I prayerfully keep my eyes open for a person needing rescue & stand prepared to initiate conversation with the endangered.**
 - **John 4:5-6:** “So he [Jesus] came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour.”
- 2. In the course of my rescue attempt, I throw a lifeline by building intrigue & peaking interest.**
 - **John 4:7-14:** “When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, ‘Will you give me a drink?’ ⁸(His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, ‘You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?’ (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, ‘If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.’ ¹¹‘Sir,’ the woman said, ‘you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?’ ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his flocks and herds?’ ¹³Jesus answered, ‘Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.’”
- 3. I encourage the person to take the rope of hope by helping to understand the desperate situation he/she is in.**
 - **John 4:15-26:** “The woman said to him, ‘Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.’ ¹⁶He told her, ‘Go, call your husband and come back.’ ¹⁷‘I have no husband,’ she replied. Jesus said to her, ‘You are right when you say you have no husband. ¹⁸The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.’ ¹⁹‘Sir,’ the woman said, ‘I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.’ ²¹Jesus declared, ‘Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.’ ²⁵The woman said, ‘I know that Messiah’ (called Christ) ‘is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.’ ²⁶Then Jesus declared, ‘I who speak to you am he.’”
- 4. I lead to the place of safety as I lead to the person of safety, all the while shouting to others in danger to come and see!**
 - **John 4:27-30:** “Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, ‘What do you want?’ or ‘Why are you talking with her?’ ²⁸Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, ²⁹‘Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Christ?’ ³⁰They came out of the town and made their way toward him.”