

Do you sometimes feel like you are just a face in a crowd, or a number in a system? You are identified by your I.D number. Even when you see a doctor, you are called by your queue number. If you feel depersonalized and dehumanized, that is exactly how Satan wants you to feel - that you do not matter much to anyone, especially to God. But you *do* matter to God! He calls you by name. He knows exactly what you are going through, and where you are hurting. He sees you and cares for you, just as He cared for the people when He first walked on Earth.

Jesus will do for you what He did for the woman in Samaria. The Bible says that “He *needed* to go through Samaria” to get from Judea to Galilee. (John 4:4) Now, any Jew of His day would have taken a different and longer route to avoid going through Samaria because they hated the Samaritans, though the way through Samaria would take much less time. But Jesus deliberately took the shorter, avoided route, just so He could stop by Samaria to speak to the woman who had been searching for something in her life to satisfy her. This woman had had five husbands, and the man she was living with was not her husband. Clearly, things had not been going right in her life. She was probably looking for answers and fulfillment, and must have felt ashamed about her failed marriages and current lifestyle. Yet, in spite of all this, she mattered to Jesus! He *needed* to go to her to minister to her. Indeed, after she met Jesus, the perfect Man, she was transformed. She was no longer ashamed, and went into the city to tell the people about Him. (John 4:28-29)

Jesus wants to meet you wherever you are at in life, and minister His grace and mercy to you. You certainly matter to Him. He came to give you life, and life more abundantly. (John 10:10) You are not just a face in a crowd, or a number. No, He knows you by name, and has a personal love for you. He wants to meet your every need, and make your life beautiful!

John 10:3 “...He calls His own sheep by name...”