

Disciple Making in Muslim Communities



with Fouad Masri

Basic Similarities

GOD IS ONE

Both Muslims and Christians believe in one God.
Names of God that Muslims and Christians agree on:

- Al-Barry = the Creator
- Al-Qudoos = **Holy One**
- Al-Raheem = **the Merciful**
- Al-Malek = the King
- Al-Adil = the Just
- Al-Wadud = the Affectionate

Basic Similarities

MAN IS SINFUL

While Muslims believe everyone sins, they do not believe in original sin.

Jesus was the only sinless prophet.

Sin = not meeting God's righteous standards.

Basic Similarities

JESUS CHRIST

Muslims believe Jesus:

Was born of the Virgin Mary

Was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

Is the Word of God – (Kalimat Allah)

Was pure and sinless from birth

Raised the dead and healed the sick

Will be the intercessor on Judgment Day

Is coming back to earth

Qur'an 4:171

“The Messiah, Jesus the son of Mary, is but the apostle of God and His Word which He cast into Mary and a spirit from Him...”

Although the Qur'an agrees that Jesus is the word of God and the Spirit of God, Islamic leaders teach he was just a man who was never crucified and will return to earth someday.

Basic Similarities

HOLY BOOKS

Tawrat – first five books of the Old Testament

Zabur – the Psalms

Injeel – New Testament, Book of Jesus



Basic Similarities

PROPHETS

Adam

Noah

Abraham (God redeemed the son of Abraham with a ram. Muslims call this the “Adha” sacrifice.)

Moses

Jonah

John the Baptist



What the Bible says about Jesus

John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God

John 1:14

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Basic Differences

THE SONSHIP OF JESUS

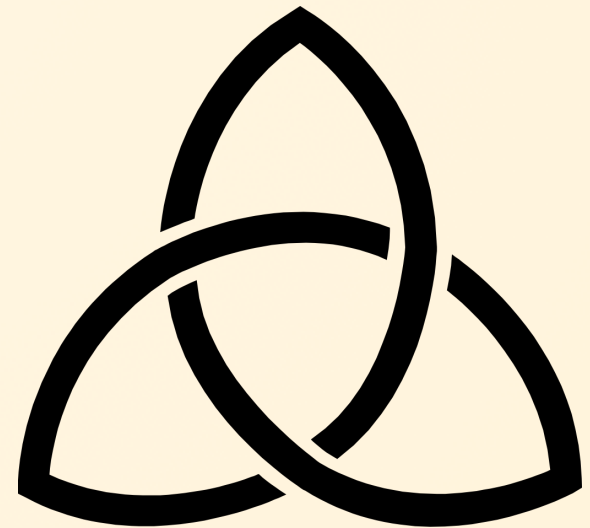
Muslims think Christians believe that Mary had a **physical relationship** with God, which is blasphemous.

Basic Differences

THE TRINITY

Muslims think Christians worship three gods –God, Jesus and Mary.

Christians believe in a complex One while Muslims believe in a simple one.



Basic Differences

CRUCIFIXION AND RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

If Christ was a prophet sent from God, he should win and not loose by dying.

Muslims interpret the Qur'an to say that Christ was not really killed, but taken up into heaven.

Basic Differences

AUTHORITY OF THE BIBLE

Muslims believe that the Bible has been **changed**.

Muslims believe the Qur'an replaces the Bible.

The Qur'an tells Muslims to read the Tawrat, Zabur and the Injeel.

The Qur'an says that Christians have the power to judge the message of the Qur'an.

Basic Differences

SALVATION BY GRACE

Muslims believe that they take responsibility for their sins while Christians just stick them to Christ.



Basic Differences

Address the differences but focus on the similarities.

The 5 pillars of Christianity are:

One God

One Savior

One Spirit

One Message

One Family

Matthew 28:18-20

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of age.”

2 Corinthians 5:20

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

Four Attitudes

1. LOVING

Show unconditional compassion.

We came to Christ because we saw Christ's love in others.

2. FRIENDLY

Build a friendship. Do not argue. Do not criticize Muslim beliefs. Remember you may be one in a chain of people to represent Christ to this person.

Four Attitudes

3. BRIDGING

Take the similar concepts of Islam and Christianity and build a bridge.

4. BIBLICAL

Always use the Bible. Muslims will tell you the Bible has been corrupted.

Discuss whether the Injeel is from God.
Qur'an says that Muslims must read the Injeel.

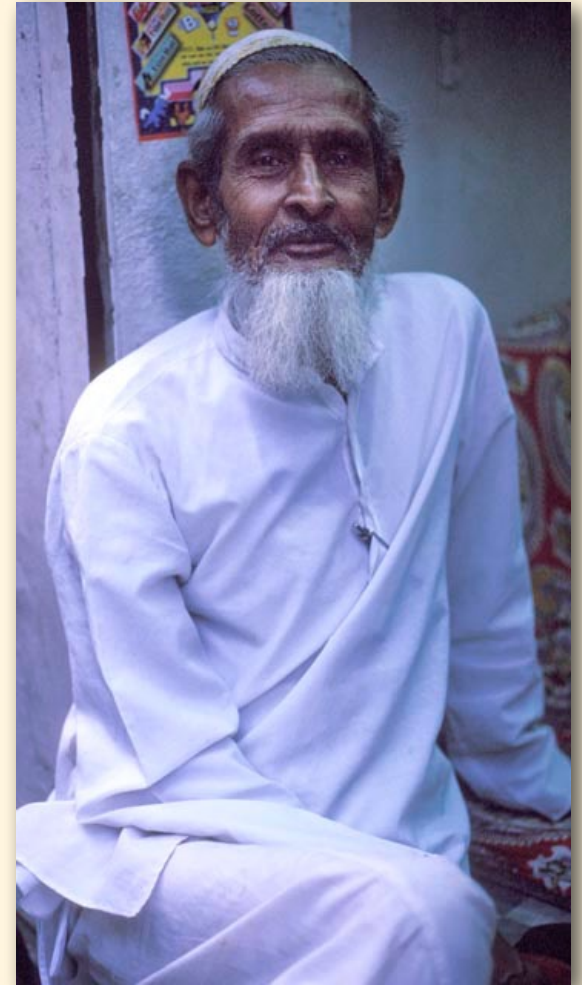
Types of Muslims

FANATICAL

Well-informed and able to discuss Islam with an open mind.

Highly involved in the religious rituals, but may have no formal education.

Show love and understanding rather than an argumentative spirit.



Types of Muslims

NOMINAL

Constitutes the majority of Muslims worldwide

They only have traditional information about Islam

They are open to hearing the Gospel



Types of Muslims



MIXED MARRIAGE

Found in countries with mixed religious populations.

They are open to Christianity – especially those whose mothers are of Christian background.

These Muslims respect Christ and might have developed an interest in the Bible.

Approach

1. Pray.
2. Build Friendships.
3. Be Patient – may take a long time.
4. Present your faith in a straightforward manner.
Muslims are very open to discussing spiritual issues.
5. Don't witness to Muslims in a group.
6. Answer criticism if necessary in order to expel false information about Christ and Christianity.
7. Give the Injeel as a gift.
8. Expect results.

Hurdles to Faith

1. Misinformation about The Christian faith
2. Misinformation about the Christian community
3. Islamic Propaganda
4. Political pressure
5. Religious pressure
6. Merit and Salvation
7. Social Pressure - Honor and Shame

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Honor, Shame, and Medical Practice

with Audrey Frank

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The True Story of the Girl
Who Walked
Three Days to Have
"العملية الشرف"
Honor Surgery



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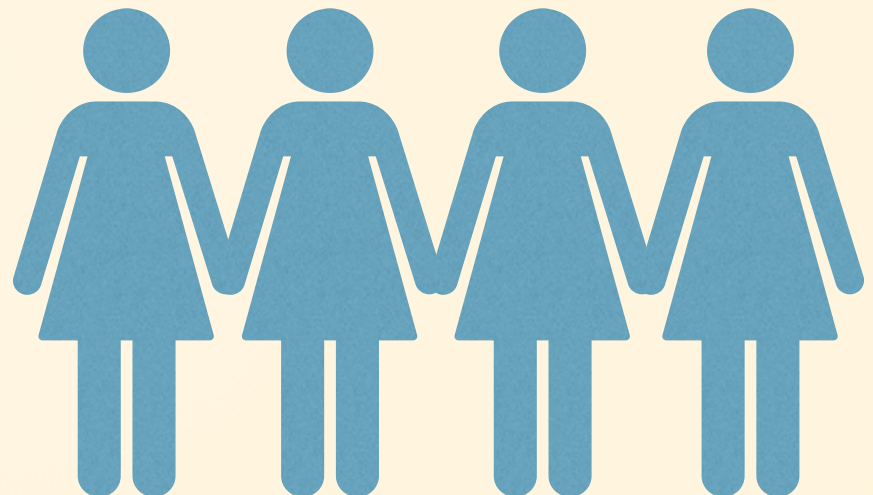


The Islamic Worldview of Honor and Shame

- ✦ Honor and shame are positions in society.
- ✦ Honor and shame are always attached to one's group: family, tribe, community, nation.
- ✦ Avoiding shame is more important than anything else.

Western Cultures:
Individual

Islamic Cultures:
Group

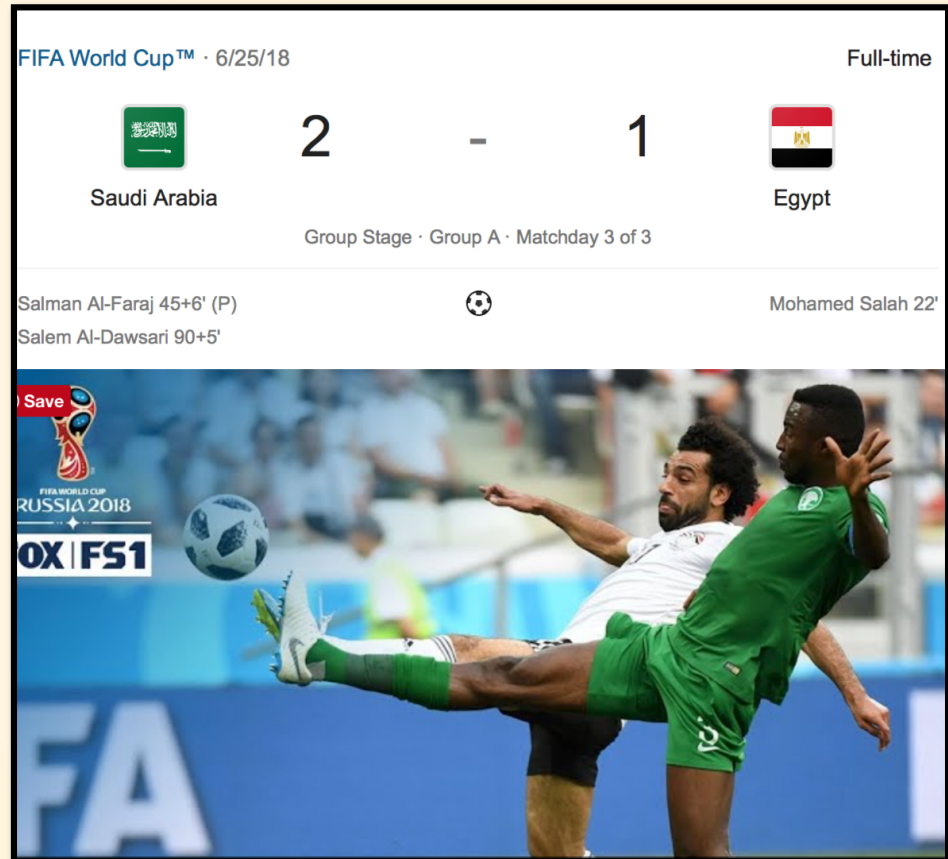


Western Cultures: Guilt-Innocence



Get the Facts

Islamic Cultures: Shame-Honor



Hide the Facts

Western Cultures: Expose Truth

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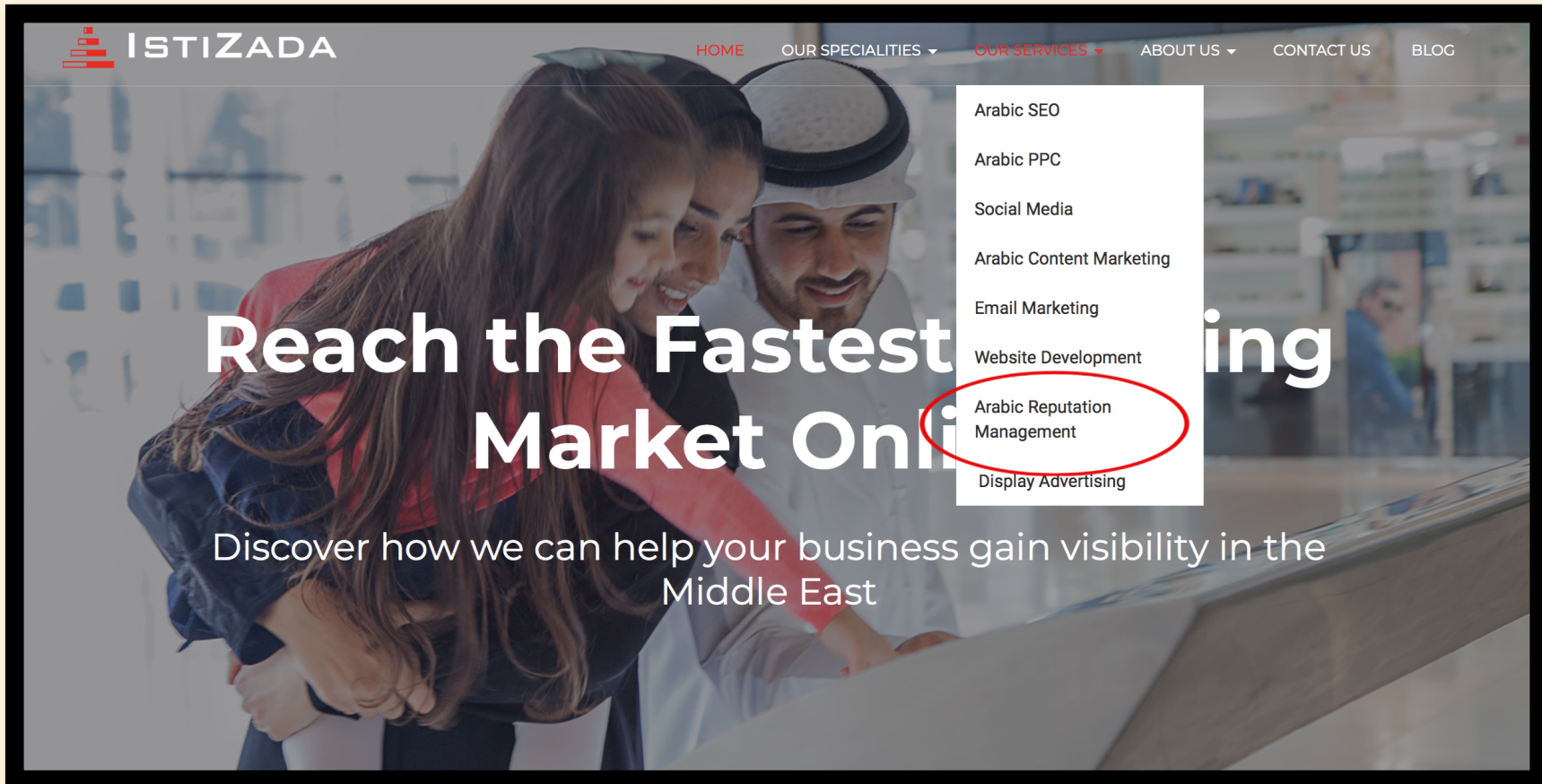
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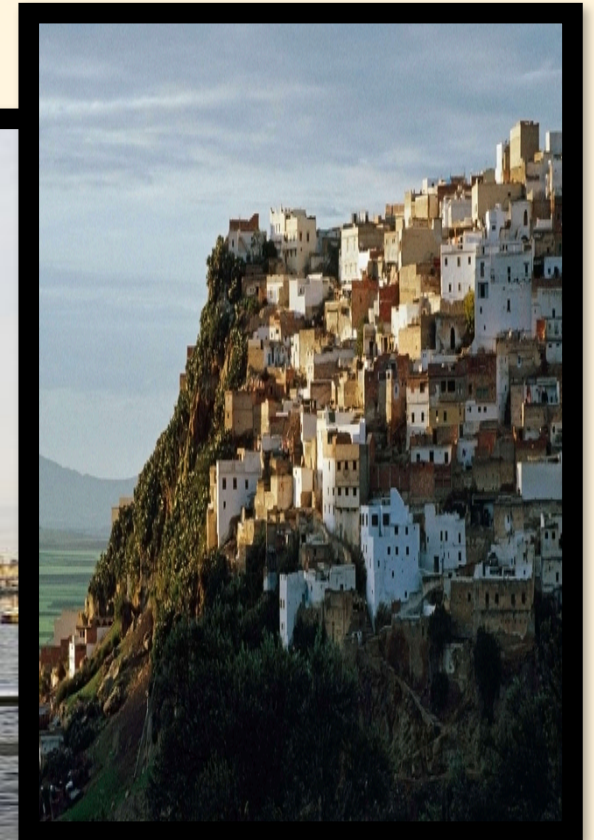
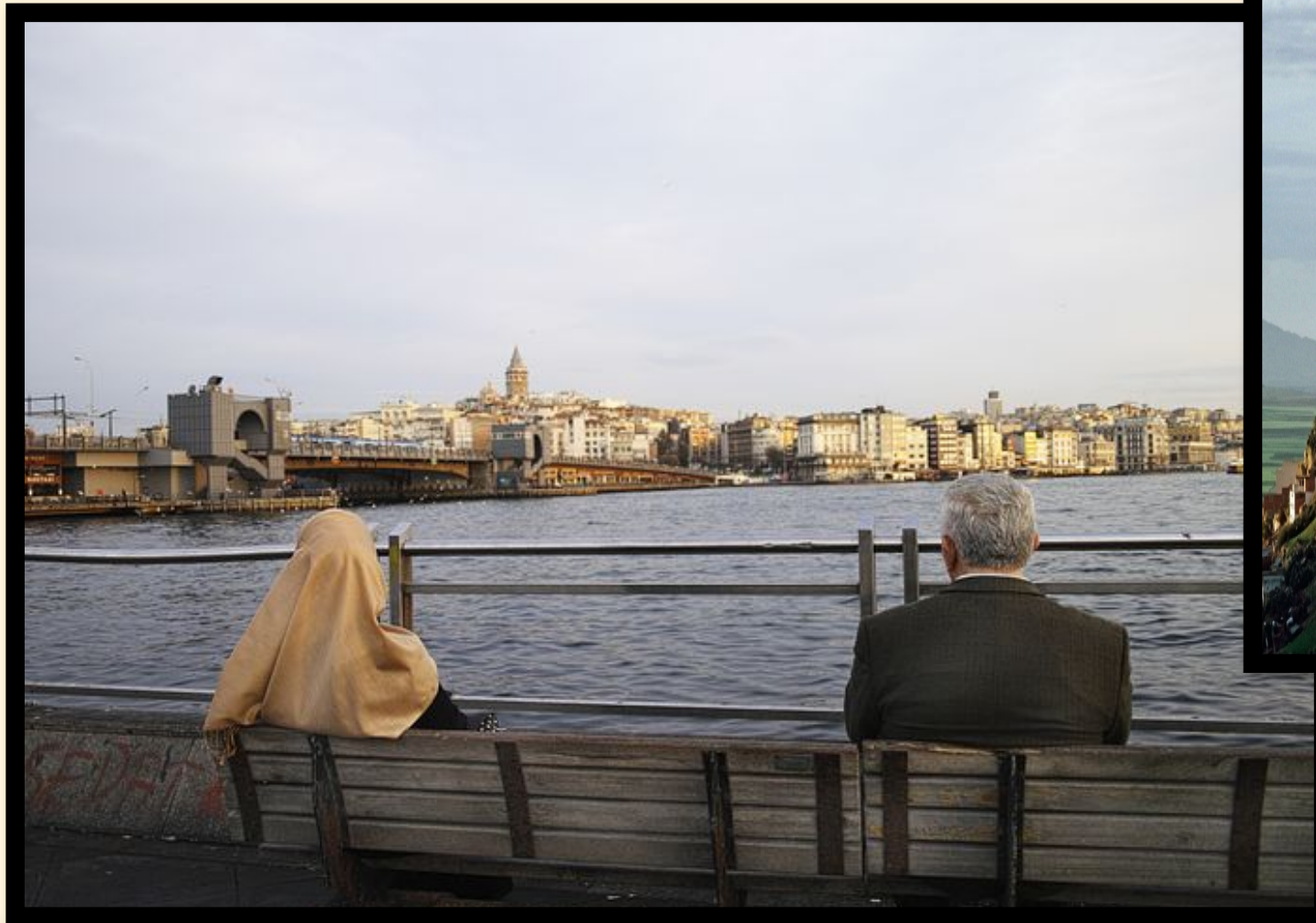
Islamic Cultures: Cover Shame



The image shows a screenshot of the ISTIZADA website. The header includes the logo and navigation links: HOME, OUR SPECIALITIES, OUR SERVICES, ABOUT US, CONTACT US, and BLOG. A dropdown menu is open under 'OUR SERVICES', listing various services: Arabic SEO, Arabic PPC, Social Media, Arabic Content Marketing, Email Marketing, Website Development, Arabic Reputation Management (circled in red), and Display Advertising. The main content area features a large image of a woman and a man in traditional Middle Eastern attire looking at a laptop. Overlaid text reads: 'Reach the Fastest Market Online' and 'Discover how we can help your business gain visibility in the Middle East'.

An Image of Honor

The Roles of Women and Men in the Honor-Shame Paradigm







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...cannot I follow thee now? I will lay down
...my life for thy sake.
38 Jē'-šūs answered him, Wilt thou lay
...down thy life for my sake? Verily, verily,
...I say unto thee, The cock shall not crow,
...till thou hast denied me thrice.

Chapter 14

LET not your heart be troubled: ye be-
lieve in God, believe also in me.

2 In my Father's house are many man-
sions: if *it were not so*, I would have told
you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3 And if I go and prepare a place for
you, I will come again, and receive you
unto myself; that where I am, *there ye*
may be also.

4 And whither I go ye know, and the way
ye know

5 Thōm'-ās saith unto him, Lord, we
know not whither thou goest; and how
can we know the way?

6 Jē'-šūs saith unto him, **I am the way,**

its
good



Do you want to show Muslim women that Jesus gives them honor instead of shame?

Audrey will teach you how.

Look for her upcoming book, *Covered Glory: The Face of Honor and Shame in the Muslim World* August 6, 2019 (Harvest House Publishers).

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with Carol Davis

THE INTERSECTION



Consider the sower who went out to sow. As he was sowing, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on rocky ground, where there wasn't much soil, and they sprang up quickly since the soil wasn't deep. But when the sun came up they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns came up and choked them. Still others fell on good ground, and produced a crop: some 100, some 60, and some 30 times what was sown. Anyone who has ears should listen." Matt 13.3-9

A woman of Samaria came to draw water. "Give me a drink." Jesus said to her, for His disciples had gone into town to buy food. "How is that You, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" she asked Him. "For Jews do not associate with Samaritans."

Jesus answered, "If you knew the gift of God, and who is saying to you, 'Give Me a drink'. you would ask Him, and He would give you living water."
"Sir," said the woman, "You don't even have a bucket, and the well is deep. So where do You get this living water? You aren't greater than our father Jacob, are you? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and livestock."

Jesus said, "Everyone who drinks from this water will get thirsty again. But whoever drinks from the water that I will give him will never get thirsty again — ever! In fact, the water I will give him will become a well of water springing up within him for eternal life."
"Sir," the woman said to Him, "give me this water so I won't get thirsty and come here to draw water."

John 4.7-15

ENCOUNTERS



- ▶ What did Jesus see when He saw her?
- ▶ What did she see when she saw Jesus?
- ▶ What did Jesus NOT do?
- ▶ What did He do?

THE POSITIONING

Beyond the Muslim to the HUMAN
IDENTIFICATION

Beyond the Head to the HEART
CARING & CONVERSATION

Beyond the Individual to the NETWORK
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BEYOND THE HEAD TO THE HEART

CARING & CONVERSATION

PREPARATION

- Expectation
- Prayer

SENSITIVITY

- Fear
- Privacy

CONNECTION

- **Visual:** Wear a cross, verses in their language
- **Observation:** Encouragement
- **Truths:** Statements & Stories - personal & Bible
- **Questions:** Information, Exploration & Seeds
- **Prayer:** Needs, and Blessing



BEYOND THE INDIVIDUAL TO THE NETWORK

"Now after this the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them two by two, ahead of Him, to every city and place where He was going to come.



And He was saying to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few; therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send workers into His harvest.'

"Go your ways; behold, I send you as lambs in the midst of wolves.

Carry no purse, no bag, no shoes; and greet no one on the way.
Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house.'

"If a man of peace is there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you.

"Stay in that house, eating and drinking what they give you; for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not keep moving from house to house."

The woman left her water jar, went into town, and told the men, “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could this be the Messiah?”

They left the town and made their way to Him.

John 4. 28-29



hard soil



rocky soil



thorny soil

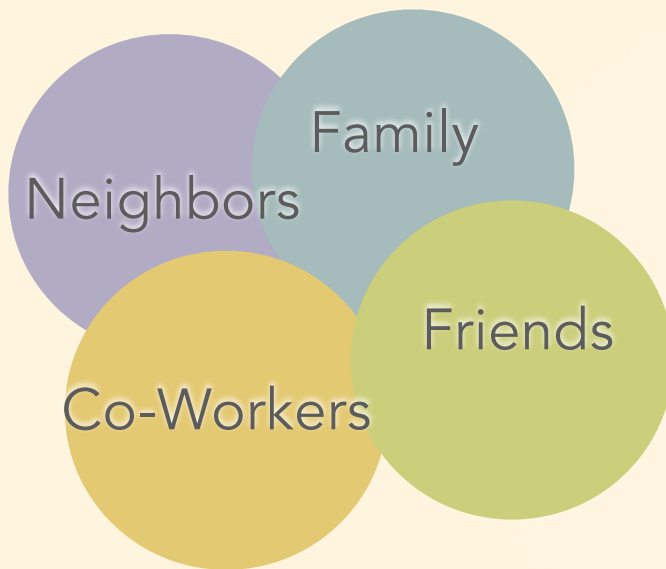


good soil



OIKOS...

...GREEK WORD FOR HOUSEHOLD



- ▶ Acts 16.31
“You will be saved, you and your OIKOS/Household”
 - ▶ Jailer
 - ▶ Samaritan Woman
 - ▶ Demoniac
 - ▶ Cana Official
 - ▶ Dorcas
 - ▶ Cornelius
 - ▶ Lydia
 - ▶ Etc.

CONVERSATIONAL QUESTION

When you next find yourself
at the medical treatment
INTERSECTION,
what do you want to
Expect
&
Initiate?

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