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The woman said, “I know the Messiah is coming—the one who is called Christ. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”

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So the people came streaming
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Many Samaritans from the village believed in Jesus because the woman had said, “He told me everything I ever did!”

John 4:40

When they came out to see him, they begged him to stay in their village. So he stayed for two days,

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1 Corinthians 15:13

**But if there is no resurrection
of the dead, not even Christ
has been raised;**

1 Corinthians 15:14

**and if Christ has not been raised,
then our preaching is vain,
your faith also is vain.**

1 Corinthians 15:15

Moreover we are even found to be false witnesses of God, because we testified against God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise, if in fact the dead are not raised.

1 Corinthians 15:16

**For if the dead are not raised,
not even Christ has been raised;**

1 Corinthians 15:17

**and if Christ has not been raised,
your faith is worthless;
you are still in your sins.**

1 Corinthians 15:18

**Then those also who have fallen
asleep in Christ have perished.**

1 Corinthians 15:19

**If we have hoped in Christ
in this life only,
we are of all men
most to be pitied.**

Principle #3

Worship that is fueled by both truth and the spirit can only come from those who have been made alive (transformed) by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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John 3:5

Jesus replied, "I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit.

John 3:6

Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life.

Principle #4

Worshipping in spirit and in truth
is dependent on a genuine,
personal experience of God's
power and unconditional love.

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Principle #5

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**Worshipping in spirit and in truth
by default must radically affect
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