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## “Christian Calling as Encounter. Jesus in Conversation with Women”

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Christ's encounter with the people he meets in the Gospels certainly led to changes in their lives, mostly for the better, though there are usually some difficulties along the way. But along with changing lives, Christ's encounters with women also set in motion the possibility of changing cultural norms. This paper addresses two encounters, the first with the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4), also known as St. Fotini according to the tradition, and the second with woman with the issue of blood (Mark 5: 25-34; Matt 9:20-22; Luke 8:43-48), known in the tradition as St. Veronika/Bernike, and looks at how these encounters not only transformed the lives of these women, but of women, in general.