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Living Water!

Focus Verses: John 4:13-14 - ¹³Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: ¹⁴But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

Lesson Text: John 4:7-19, 24-30

Truth About God: Christ is the Savior of the whole world.

Truth For My Life: I will use my testimony to tell others about Jesus.

The Jews despised the Samaritans because of their mixed racial and religious heritage. Samaritans were cultural and religious outsiders. This meeting between Jesus and the Samaritan woman opened with the most mundane of requests; Jesus asked her for a drink of water (John 4:7). She was taken back by Jesus' request for a drink from Jacob's well. She couldn't comprehend someone who didn't see the world through the lens of religious and cultural bias. It is easy to imagine her blurting out, "*How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans*" (John 4:9). It was shocking enough that a Jew would speak to a Samaritan, but the fact that she was a woman made Jesus' request doubly surprising.

Jesus responded to the Samaritan woman's incredulity with a promise that still stands: "*If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water*" (John 4:10). But her spiritual thirst caused her to ask an important question: "*From whence then hast thou that living water?*" (John 4:11). She no doubt could sense there was something different about the Man who made this promise. He didn't appear to possess the physical resources needed to draw water from Jacob's well, but something in Jesus' demeanor made her sense He had something she needed.

Jesus assured her, "*Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life*" (John 4:14). The woman, eager to experience a drink of this living water, responded, "*Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw*" (John 4:15). Jesus knew the woman's lifestyle and she was taken back by Jesus' knowledge of her sordid past. She acknowledged Jesus as a prophet.

Just as Jesus knew the details of this Samaritan woman's past, He knows all about our past also. "*Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do*" (Hebrews 4:13). The purpose of this knowledge is not to bring us shame but to lead us to repentance. **God is not satisfied with offering His children an occasional sip from the fountains of living water; He invites us to experience something transformative and perpetually fulfilling.** But to receive all God has for us, we must renounce our past sins and sinful lifestyle. We cannot drink from the cup of self-deception and the well of living water at the same time. We must deal with our sins through genuine repentance.

The woman went back into the city to tell everyone she knew about the one she had met at the well. (John 4:28-29). Rather than being offended by Jesus' rebuke of her past, this woman rejoiced over His offer of living water. She couldn't wait to tell her friends and neighbors what she had discovered. Apparently, the residents of Sychar were just as thirsty for living water as the woman at the well because when they heard her testimony, "*they went out of the city, and came unto him*" (John 4:30). John wrote that they told the woman, "*Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world*" (John 4:42). **Nothing is as powerful as experiencing Jesus firsthand and tasting of the well of living water!**

What about us? Are we guarding our faith like it's a state secret, or are we following the example of the Samaritan woman and urging everyone we know to "*come, see a man*" (John 4:29)? **We have good news, so let's share it with everyone we know.**