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**5-Day Devotional  
based on Sunday's message:**



**THE WOMAN AT THE WELL**

*John 4:1-42*

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## John 4:1-42

Jesus knew the Pharisees had heard that he was baptizing and making more disciples than John (though Jesus himself didn't baptize them—his disciples did). So he left Judea and returned to Galilee. He had to go through Samaria on the way. Eventually he came to the Samaritan village of Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there; and Jesus, tired from the long walk, sat wearily beside the well about noontime. Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Please give me a drink." He was alone at the time because his disciples had gone into the village to buy some food. The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?" Jesus replied, "If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water." "But sir, you don't have a rope or a bucket," she said, "and this well is very deep. Where would you get this living water? And besides, do you think you're greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us this well? How can you offer better water than he and his sons and his animals enjoyed?" Jesus replied, "Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life." "Please, sir," the woman said, "give me this water! Then I'll never be thirsty again, and I won't have to come here to get water." "Go and get your husband," Jesus told her. "I don't have a husband," the woman replied. Jesus said, "You're right! You don't have a husband—for you have had five husbands, and you aren't even married to the man you're living with now. You certainly spoke the truth!" "Sir," the woman said, "you must be a prophet. So tell me, why is it that you Jews insist that Jerusalem is the only place of worship, while we Samaritans claim it is here at Mount Gerizim, where our ancestors worshiped?" Jesus replied, "Believe me, dear woman, the time is coming when it will no longer matter whether you worship the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem. You Samaritans know very little about the one you worship, while we Jews know all about him, for salvation comes through the Jews. But the time is coming—indeed it's here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way. For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth." The woman said, "I know the Messiah is coming—the one who is called Christ. When he comes, he will explain everything to us. Then Jesus told her, "I Am the Messiah!" Just then his disciples came back. They were shocked to find him talking to a woman, but none of them had the nerve to ask, "What do you want with her?" or "Why are you talking to her?" The woman left her water jar beside the well and ran back to the village, telling everyone, "Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could he possibly be the Messiah?"

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So the people came streaming from the village to see him. Meanwhile, the disciples were urging Jesus, “Rabbi, eat something.” But Jesus replied, “I have a kind of food you know nothing about.” “Did someone bring him food while we were gone?” the disciples asked each other. Then Jesus explained: “My nourishment comes from doing the will of God, who sent me, and from finishing his work. You know the saying, ‘Four months between planting and harvest.’ But I say, wake up and look around. The fields are already ripe for harvest. The harvesters are paid good wages, and the fruit they harvest is people brought to eternal life. What joy awaits both the planter and the harvester alike! You know the saying, ‘One plants and another harvests.’ And it’s true. I sent you to harvest where you didn’t plant; others had already done the work, and now you will get to gather the harvest. Many Samaritans from the village believed in Jesus because the woman had said, “He told me everything I ever did!” When they came out to see him, they begged him to stay in their village. So he stayed for two days, long enough for many more to hear his message and believe. Then they said to the woman, “Now we believe, not just because of what you told us, but because we have heard him ourselves. Now we know that he is indeed the Savior of the world.”

# Day 1: Divine Appointments in Ordinary Places

## Devotional

Life is full of routine moments like grabbing coffee, running errands, or waiting in line. We often view these as mundane interruptions to our 'real' life. However, what if God sees them differently? When Jesus met the Samaritan woman, it wasn't during a religious ceremony or in a temple. It was at a well during her daily water-gathering routine. Yet this ordinary moment became a divine appointment that changed everything. God doesn't wait for perfect circumstances or sacred spaces to work in our lives. He meets us in the grocery store, at the office, in our neighborhoods. The same Jesus who intentionally traveled through Samaria is still orchestrating encounters today. He's present in your everyday moments, ready to turn the ordinary into the extraordinary. Your next conversation with a neighbor, coworker, or stranger might be exactly the divine appointment someone needs. Stay alert to these opportunities. God often works through the most unexpected people in the most unexpected places.

## Bible Verse

"Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Please give me a drink." - John 4:7

## Reflection Question

What ordinary moments in your daily routine could God be using as opportunities for divine appointments?

## Quote

God often works in the ordinary places of life.

## Prayer

Lord, help me recognize the divine appointments You place in my ordinary days. Open my eyes to see how You're working through everyday encounters. Amen.

## Day 2: The Wells We Choose

### Devotional

We all drink from wells. Not just physical ones, but the sources we turn to for satisfaction, meaning, and fulfillment. Some people find their well in career success, believing the next promotion will finally satisfy. Others drink from the well of relationships, hoping the right person will complete them. Still others turn to possessions, experiences, or achievements. These aren't necessarily bad things, but they make terrible gods. The woman at the well had tried the relationship route, five marriages and counting. Yet, she remained thirsty. Charles Spurgeon wisely observed that we can drink from every well on earth and still remain unsatisfied until we come to Christ. The wells of this world promise much but deliver little lasting satisfaction. They're like drinking salt water, the more you drink, the thirstier you become. Jesus offers something different. He offers living water that satisfies completely. When we recognize that our earthly wells are leaving us empty, we're ready to discover the well that never runs dry.

### Bible Verse

'Jesus replied, "Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life."' - John 4:13-14

### Reflection Question

Which earthly 'wells' have you been drinking from that leave you feeling unsatisfied?

### Quote

Some wells promise satisfaction through success. Some wells promise satisfaction through relationships here on earth. Some wells promise satisfaction through possessions or financial gain. Some wells promise satisfaction through experiences in life. Yet the thirst in every one of those wells, when you drink from it, the thirst remains.

### Prayer

Jesus, help me recognize when I'm seeking satisfaction in temporary things. Lead me to find my deepest fulfillment in You alone. Amen.

# Day 3: Grace Meets Us in Our Brokenness

## Devotional

The woman at the well carried shame from her past. She had five failed marriages and a current relationship outside of marriage. She came to draw water at noon, likely avoiding the other women who came in the cooler morning hours. Her broken story made her an outcast. However, Jesus didn't avoid her. He sought her out. When He revealed His knowledge of her past, she might have expected judgment or condemnation. Instead, she found compassion and hope. Jesus didn't minimize her choices or pretend her pain didn't matter. He acknowledged her brokenness and offered healing. This is the beautiful truth about God's grace, it doesn't wait for us to clean up our act first. It meets us exactly where we are, in whatever condition we're in. Your past mistakes, current struggles, and deepest shame don't disqualify you from God's love. They're precisely where His living water wants to flow. The grace that transformed a broken woman at a well is the same grace available to you today.

## Bible Verse

““Go and get your husband,” Jesus told her. “I don’t have a husband,” the woman replied. Jesus said, “You’re right! You don’t have a husband— for you have had five husbands, and you aren’t even married to the man you’re living with now. You certainly spoke the truth!” ’ - John 4:16

## Reflection Question

What areas of brokenness in your life do you need to trust God's grace to heal and restore?

## Quote

The living water that he offers is meant to reach into your brokenness.

## Prayer

Father, thank You that Your grace meets me in my brokenness. Help me trust that Your love is greater than my past mistakes. Amen.

## Day 4: From Shame to Testimony

### Devotional

Something remarkable happened after the woman's encounter with Jesus. She left her water jar, the very thing she came for, and ran back to town. The woman who had been hiding from people was now seeking them out. Her shame had been transformed into testimony. She couldn't keep quiet about what she'd experienced. 'Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?' Her broken past, which once brought shame, became the very thing that authenticated her story. People listened because they knew her story and could see the transformation. This is how God works. He doesn't waste our pain or erase our past. Instead, He redeems it and uses it for His glory. Your story of brokenness and healing becomes a powerful testimony to others who are struggling. The very experiences that once brought shame can become bridges of hope to others. When Jesus fills us with living water, it naturally overflows to those around us. Your transformation story matters more than you realize.

### Bible Verse

'Many Samaritans from the village believed in Jesus because the woman had said, "He told me everything I ever did!" - John 4:39

### Reflection Question

How might God want to use your story of transformation to encourage someone else who is struggling?

### Quote

She left something good, the water she needed, for something greater, the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

### Prayer

Lord, help me see how You can use my story for Your glory. Give me courage to share Your goodness with others who need hope. Amen.

# Day 5: The Endless Well

## Devotional

The story doesn't end with one woman's transformation. Jesus stayed in that Samaritan town for two days, teaching and sharing His message of hope. Many more came to faith, not just because of the woman's testimony, but because they encountered Jesus personally. This reveals something beautiful about the living water Jesus offers, it's not limited or scarce. There's enough for everyone. The well is endless. When we receive God's grace and love, we don't have less to give others. Instead, like a spring that feeds a river, the more it flows, the more abundant it becomes. The life Jesus gives is meant to be shared, passed on from person to person, generation to generation. You are part of this continuing story. The same living water that satisfied the woman at the well flows through you today through faith in Jesus. Your life can become a source of hope and refreshment to others who are spiritually thirsty. The invitation is simple, drink deeply from Jesus, and then help others find their way to the well that never runs dry.

## Bible Verse

'Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not just because of what you told us, but because we have heard him ourselves. Now we know that he is indeed the Savior of the world.'" - John 4:42

## Reflection Question

Who in your life might be spiritually thirsty and in need of hearing about the living water Jesus offers?

## Quote

So if you have already received living water from Jesus, how might God use you this very week to point someone else to him? In other words, how can you share the living water you've already received? The well is endless.

## Prayer

Jesus, remind me of your living water so that it constantly overflows. Use me to point people to You, the source of true satisfaction. Amen.