

Vacation Refresh

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John 4:4-26 (NLT) *4He had to go through Samaria on the way. 5Eventually he came to the Samaritan village of Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. 6Jacob's well was there; and Jesus, tired from the long walk, sat wearily beside the well about noontime. 7Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Please give me a drink." 8He was alone at the time because his disciples had gone into the village to buy some food. 9The 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?"*

10Jesus 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." 11"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? 12And 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?" 13Jesus replied, "Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. 14But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life." 15"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." 16"Go and get your husband," Jesus told her. 17"I don't have a husband," the woman replied. Jesus said, "You're right! You don't have a husband—18for you have had five husbands, and you aren't even married to the man you're living with now. You certainly spoke the truth!" 19"Sir," the woman said, "you must be a prophet."

20"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?" 21Jesus 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. 22You Samaritans know very little about the one you worship, while we Jews know all about him, for salvation comes through the Jews. 23But 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. 24For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth." 25The woman said, "I know the Messiah is coming—the one who is called Christ. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." 26Then Jesus told her, "I AM the Messiah!"

1. Jesus meets me where I am.

John 4:6b (NLT)...*Jesus, tired from the long walk, sat wearily beside the well about noontime.*

2. Jesus meets me as I am.
 - a. Jesus breaks ethnic barriers.
 - b. Jesus breaks gender barriers.
 - c. Jesus breaks social barriers.

John 4:27 (NLT) *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?"*

3. Jesus offers me more than I think I am.

Question 1 - Why don't I feel satisfied?

Answer - Because I drink from false wells.

2 Timothy 3:2 (NLT) *For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred.*

Ecclesiastes 4:4 (NLT) *Then I observed that most people are motivated to success because they envy their neighbors. But this, too, is meaningless—like chasing the wind.*

"Neurons that fire together, wire together." (Donald Hebb)

Romans 12:2a (NLT) *Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.*

Question 2 - How can I find satisfaction?

Answer - Ask Jesus for a drink.

John 7:37b-38 (NLT) ^{37b}*"Anyone who is thirsty may come to me!"* ³⁸*"Anyone who believes in me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, 'Rivers of living water will flow from his heart.'"*

Romans 5:8 (NLT) *But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.*