

Title: Wishing Well

Text: John 4:4-14

Target: Living a life that tells the story of Jesus effectively begins with emulating the life of Jesus practically.

- I. **The Reason for Redirection:** “And He **had** to pass **through** Samaria” (Vs.4:4)
 - A. **Calling of Conviction:** “had” (Vs. 4)
 1. Intense Burden
 2. Intentional Blessing
 - B. **Shock of the Statement:** “through Samaria” (Vs. 4)
 1. Cultural Segregation
 2. Religious Ramifications

- II. **The Core of Connection:** “Jacob’s well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the **sixth hour.**” (Vs. 4:6)
 - A. **Physical Exhaustion:** “Jesus, wearied” (Vs. 6)
 - B. **Personal Hydration:** “sitting beside the well” (Vs. 6)
 - C. **Pointed Occasion:** “sixth hour” (Vs. 6)
 - D. **Perfect Collision:** “A woman from Samaria came to draw water.” (Vs.4:7a)

- III. **The Insight in the Invitation:** Jesus said to her, “**Give me** a drink.” (Vs. 4:7b)
 - A. **Voices Value:** “The **Samaritan woman** said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)” (Vs. 9)
 - B. **Gives Grace:** “If you knew the **gift of God**, and who it is that is saying to you, “Give me a drink,” you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water” (Vs. 10)
 - C. **Exposes Emptiness:** “Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be **thirsty again**,” (Vs. 13)

- IV. **The Source of Salvation:** “but **whoever** drinks of the water that **I** will give him will **never** be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will **become** in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” (Vs. 4:14)
 - A. **Available to All:** “whoever” (Vs. 14a)
 - B. **Exclusive to Everyone:** “the water that I will give” (Vs. 14b)
 - C. **Sufficient to Satisfy:** “never be thirsty again” (Vs. 14c)
 - D. **Outsource of Overflow:** “become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life” (Vs. 14d)

Takeaway: Stop chasing empty wells and stop making your own. (Jeremiah 2:13)