

## John 4:10

*Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."*

If I may, I will start out today's devotional with a paragraph from my novel "**Go Right or Get Left**" Which is about a young man walking through two different towns called "**Life Town**" and "**Death Town**" with an angel as his guide, and this is part of one of their conversations.

The angel said, *"This is what's called Living Water, and once you drink from it you will never want any other water ever again."*

*"What do you mean Living Water?" I asked. "Are there little things living inside it? I don't want any of that nasty stuff. That's just gross. Get rid of all my cool stuff and have to drink nasty, bug-infested water. What kind of a place is this anyway?"*

The angel smiled and shook his head and said, *"No, it's not that kind of living water. This Living Water gives you life for all eternity."*

Isn't that how it is when we speak Christianese to a nonbeliever, and they don't understand what we are saying? Even in today's verse where Jesus is talking to the woman at the well, she did not understand what Jesus was talking about when she responded with: ***"The woman said to Him, 'Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water?"*** **John 4:11** When we read her response, we want to laugh, because we know what Jesus was talking about, and we do because we have the bible and His explanation. But she didn't, so He made it clear to her what He was referring to.

So with that, let me give an example that I think everyone can relate to in regard to living water as Jesus mentions in today's verse.

I am originally from California, living there for most of my life, and I grew up in the Los Angeles (LA) area. I remember the tap water in LA, it literally looked, and smelled like dirty, stinky, old fish tank water. Anyone from LA or that has ever been there knows what I am talking about. So, Californians, for the most part, drink bottled water or have a water filter.

But my favorite bottled water is Arrowhead water, I don't know what it is, but to me, it tastes the cleanest and almost has a sweet taste to it. I live in Texas now, and they don't have Arrowhead water here, and I really do miss it. But think of your favorite bottled or filtered water, now put it against the tap water of LA (Brown and stinky). If you only grew up on stinky dirty LA water, you wouldn't know it was bad, until someone offered you a bottle of clean, pure filtered water, with no color or smell to it and nothing swimming around in it. So, which one would you chose, the stinky dirty water or the clean water? I think we would all choose the clean water.

Yet how many are so used to drinking the old stinky, dirty water of life that they live, that they still refuse the clean pure water that Jesus offers them? I know that sounds gross, but we drank that dirty disgusting water for years until we gave our life to Jesus.

But if sin is that old dirty, stinky water, every time we go back to a sin, we are choosing to drink that old disgusting water again, and you can spit it out at first, but the more you continue to drink from it, you get used to it again, and you end up in a backslidden state, going back to your old lifestyle and sins.

† **2 Peter 2:22** *But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: "A dog returns to his own vomit," and, "a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire."*

† **Proverbs 26:11** *As a dog returns to his own vomit, So a fool repeats his folly.*

For those who have stopped, I urge you to drink from the pure water of the word again and get rid of that old stinky water that you have been drinking, which is literally killing you (spiritually).

† **John 4:13-14** *Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."*