

John 4:7

A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink."

Today's devotional verse is taken from the story of when Jesus talked to the Samaritan woman at the well, as Jesus opened up the conversation by asking something from her, which was, "*Give Me a drink.*"

Being at a well of water, it sounds like a logical thing to ask for, especially after walking in the desert. But when you read this story, did you ever notice that it never says that the woman ever gave Jesus a drink of water?

I would encourage you to read the story in its entirety in John chapter 4 starting with verse 4, where it says that Jesus "*needed to go through Samaria.*" **4:4b** But Jesus didn't need "*to go through Samaria*" to get a drink of water, but to actually offer living water to this woman.

So we never read of the woman ever giving Jesus a drink of water, but if you read on in verse 15 it says that "*The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."* **John 4:15** That's right, she asked Jesus for a drink of the living water that Jesus was offering to her. And what did Jesus say, "*No way lady, I asked you for a drink of water and you didn't give me one, so I am not going to give you a drink of this living water, so there.*" And stuck his tongue out at her. I know that sounds funny, but isn't that the way we see things, or even feel like the Lord see's us that way some times?

But the truth is found in verses 26 where *Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He."* **John 4:26.** I see that as Jesus was offering Himself to her, because He was telling her that He was that living water that she was thirsting for. So did she take it? I would have to say yes she did, because we see the results in verse 28-30

† **John 4:28-30** *The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, "Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?" Then they went out of the city and came to Him.*

Isn't that what new believers do right away, don't they go tell others about Jesus? That's just what this woman did, she "*went her way into the city, and said to the men, 'Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?'*" And because she did, we see the results in verse 41-42

† **John 4:41-42** *And many more believed because of His own word. Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world."*

Many, many more came to Jesus and believed in Him and were saved, and do you realize while reading this story, that the entire town was affected by just one woman's testimony of how she met Jesus. And not just any woman, because we find out in the story that ***“for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly.”***

John 4:18 That's right, she was married and divorced, not once, or twice, but five times, and even now when Jesus offered her living water, she was shacking up with some guy.

Did you catch what I just said:

“When Jesus offered her living water, she was shacking up with some guy.”

For some of you, let that sink in today. So many may feel that you have messed up to much in your lifetime that Jesus would have nothing to do with you. But Jesus knew this woman was married and divorced five times and that she was living with a guy outside of marriage. Even the whole town knew this and that's why she went to the well at noon time (The sixth hour) because it was during the heat of the day and no one went out during that time. No, they would all go early in the morning when it was still cool out. So she waited until everyone was gone, because she was embarrassed with how her life ended up and what others said about her. But Jesus didn't care, He saw her just like He sees each and everyone of us, and all those in that town who had judged her, that she and the entire town were in need of living water that only Jesus could give to them.

Today, you may be living with someone outside of marriage, or maybe you just sleep around, or struggle with your sexuality, or you are an alcoholic, or hooked on drugs, or you are cheating on your spouse, or have stolen or hurt others, or lied or _____, you fill in the blank of what you think is keeping Jesus from coming to you.

Notice I said, *“keeping Jesus from coming to you”*, not you coming to Jesus. Because in the story, Jesus came to the woman at the well. She did not go to Him. Jesus knew what she had done with her life, but that did not stop Him from going to her. In fact, it may have been even more reason for Jesus to go to her, because He knew that she would have been to ashamed to go to Jesus.

If you are reading this, it could be that Jesus has come to you and has spoken to your heart. Jesus is not asking from you, but is offering Himself to you. It's a matter of will you accepting His offer of living water, which is eternal life that He is offering to you right now. Not tomorrow, or next week or wait until you go to church on Easter next year, but right here and now. Today is the day to accept that living water to quench the thirst you have been longing to be filled with all your life, and Jesus is offering it to you, because He knows what you have done, and loves you anyway!!!

† **2 Corinthians 6:2 (NLT2)** *For God says, “At just the right time, I heard you. On the day of salvation, I helped you.” Indeed, the “right time” is now. Today is the day of salvation.*