



Water

We just take it for granted. We don't give it a second thought. Until...we are thirsty. A few miles on a bicycle. Working in the yard in July for a few hours. Exercising.

Where we live, with municipal providers, water is not hard to find. This is not how it is for some places on Earth.

There are regions where water is scarce. Places where you don't waste it, where you plan your day around getting it...where you worry about not having enough. Too much is at stake. Plants and livestock and people die without an adequate supply. Water is absolutely necessary for life.

Jesus befriends a woman at Jacob's well near Sychar at noon one day. They both know the value of water. They have come to the well at that time of day for completely different reasons. John 4:4 says: "Now he had to go through Samaria." That wasn't entirely accurate from a travel-agent's perspective...most Jewish travelers went AROUND Samaria. Jews and Samaritans avoided one another like the plague. The text says Jesus went THROUGH it - on purpose. He is pursuing something...seeking it out. She is there avoiding something,

running from something. Both are thirsty, but for different reasons.

They have a fascinating conversation. Jesus tells her some things that get her attention and cause her to "dance" in the conversation...change the subject...just keep it moving.

This Sunday, we will build on where we started last week. We said Jesus is a friend of sinners. I want to introduce you to one. We will get to know her a little better, see her as a real person and not just a 'character' in a story in the Bible. John and the other disciples saw her and the Holy Spirit moved John to write about the encounter years later.

There are things we can learn. Things we must learn from John chapter 4. This Sunday won't be "Bible Trivia". Although it's fun, that would not be the best use of our time..it is about understanding some vital truths that need to have a direct impact in your life and how you view everything and then learning how to live them.

This woman's life (and many of the people who knew her) was changed forever...eternally because of what Jesus offered her...what he offers every one of us.

Looking forward to it!

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