

Living Water

- *John 4:15-30*

- **I love this story about the Samaritan woman at the well. This story has so many different applications and we will be talking about several of them, but I first want you to look at the reason that Jesus came.**
 - There is a lot that takes place in these 42 verses, but the reason that Jesus came must not be misunderstood.
 - Jesus left out of necessity. The religionist of the day had begun to question John's ministry and to attempt to cause some competition between John & Jesus.
 - Jesus wasn't concerned with competing with John and neither was John concerned with his ministry being affected by Jesus. The reason Jesus left is explained to us in verse 4.
 - "He must needs go through Samaria." It was a divine appointment for Him to travel through Samaria.
 - But He needed to go through Samaria as part of His mission. Samaria needed the gospel as much as anybody else, and Jesus would not allow religionist or even genealogical differences to get in the way of Him spreading the Gospel.
 - There are several things I want you to notice as we look at the "living water".
 1. It can only come from God.
 - a. God and God alone is the ONLY source for true living water.
 - b. You can search this world over searching for true living water, searching for something to satisfy your hearts and your souls longing, but you will never find it aside from Jesus Christ.
 2. It can only be given.
 - a. As Jesus sought to explain this living water to the woman at the well, He states in verse 10, "f thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water."
 3. It will last for eternity.
 - a. This living water is placed inside a man and cannot be placed on the outside, at his home or at his job. It must be place within his soul.
 - b. And once God touches your heart and your soul, you will NEVER be the same.
 - c. Jesus said if you will drink of this water, you will NEVER thirst again.
 - i. You know that is true. Since the day I ask Christ to come into my heart and life, I have been satisfied.
- **As we get to verse 15, it is obvious that Jesus has intrigued this dear lady and struck her interest in this "Living Water", but before she can accept it, Jesus desires that she be washed and cleansed first of her sins.**
 4. Jesus Convicts Her of Her Sins (vv.16-18)
 - a. He forced her to admit her sin.
 - i. Jesus immediately tells the woman to go and get her husband as a means of conviction.
 - ii. Why was that important? There can be no conversion without conviction. There must first be conviction and repentance, and then there can be

saving faith. Jesus had aroused her mind and stirred her emotions, but He also had to touch her conscience, and that meant dealing with her sin.

1. James 1:21 – “Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.”
- iii. Why is it people come to church and will sing songs and fellowship with other members but continue to struggle in the relationship with Christ?
 1. It may be because they have never taken the first step in a relationship with God through confessing their sins.
 2. You will never experience peace, you will never experience rest & you will never experience true worship without first confessing your sins before a Holy God.
- b. She attempted to hide her sin.
 - i. She attempts to side step the question by stating that she did not have a husband (vv.17-18), which only opened the door more for Jesus and more confession that needed to be done.
 1. Jesus knew the truth about this woman just as He knows about us, and there was no need for her to try and cover it up. What Jesus was seeking was repentance.
 - a. Proverbs 28:13 – “He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.”
 - b. Jeremiah 16:17 – “For mine eyes are upon all their ways: they are not hid from my face, neither is their iniquity hid from mine eyes.”
5. Jesus Revealed A New Place Of Worship (vv.19-24)
 - a. She was confused over where to worship.
 - i. The Samaritans said that God’s presence could be found at Mount Gerazim; the Jews said He dwelt in Jerusalem.
 - ii. In essence she is more concerned over where to worship than who she was worshipping.
 1. Jesus here tries to get her to understand that the place of worship no longer matters.
 - a. Some worship on the mountain.
 - b. Some worship in Jerusalem.
 - c. Some in the temple.
 - b. God’s presence now dwells in the life of every believer.
 - i. “The hour cometh” – This refers to the moment that Jesus gave of his life on the cross of Calvary for our sins.
 - ii. At that moment, the veil was torn.
 1. No longer was worship just to take place in the temple.
 2. No longer would God’s people worship in one particular location.
 3. Now that could worship God wherever they chose to because He now lived within their hearts.
6. Thou Art The Messiah (vv.25-30)

- a. She had a mental understanding of who the Messiah was. (v.25)
 - i. She knew the scriptures; she had heard the prophet speak of one who was to come.
 - ii. But her knowledge of Christ alone was not enough, she must trust in Him with her heart as well.
- b. The disciples marveled at the Master. (v.27)
 - i. It is amazing that in the midst of Jesus working in this woman's life, she is almost at the point of conversion, here we find the very people of God attempting to get in the way of Gods work.
- c. She went away rejoicing and witnessing (vv.28-30)
 - i. She left her water pot to go and tell others. No longer was she concerned with just her spiritual thirst, she had now been filled with everlasting water that she would never thirst spiritually again.
 - ii. Now with this change in her life she cant help but tell others what Christ can do for them as well.
 - 1. Mark 5:19 – “Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.”