

THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

John 4:1-26

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1. Living Water (vv. 1-18)

📖 v. 4 – Jesus *had* to go through Samaria.

Two purposes God has for us wherever we find ourselves:

† God has us there to teach us something

† God has us there to be His ministers

📖 vv. 7-9 – Jesus asked a Samaritan to give Him a drink.

📖 He offered her “living water.” (vv. 10-13)

Felt needs vs. real needs

The problem (vv. 16-18): sin

Jesus must have made the woman at the well very uncomfortable when He spoke with such detailed, personal knowledge of her past Word in life study Bible

The reality, though, is that the good news is not really good until the bad news is understood and accepted.

The grave danger that Christians face, as Paul admonishes in Ephesians 4:17, is to embrace the futile thoughts of the world and live as if those thoughts were the ones that really matter. In the everyday world of modern culture the Bible is not valued. For example, children often enthusiastically ask what's for supper. But one seldom hears this: *What's for Bible study tonight?* Someone might say, *That's not fair, you're comparing eating with looking at the Bible.* My point exactly! Ted Tripp

2. Spirit & Truth (vv. 19-26)

The issue (vv. 23-24): God is seeking true worshippers who worship “in spirit and in truth.”

The woman tried to turn the conversation to controversial theology (vv. 19-26). But Jesus focused on several other issues:

📖 **The Gift** (vv. 7-10)

📖 **Eternal life** (vv. 11-15)

📖 **Belief** (vv. 39-42)

📖 **Need.**

For the Samaritan woman, faith came hard because she knew she was a great sinner. Her sense of worth was worn away. How hard it was for her to realize that God valued her and wanted her to become a worshiper.

How hard to believe that He was offering her eternal life as His love gift.
Larry Richards

A Truth to Remember:

Jesus offers us living water, free, life-giving, and never-ending.

A Challenge to Consider:

Jesus wants us to share this living water wherever He places us.

One thing I heard this morning was...