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JOHN 4: 7-30,
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7 There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give Me a drink.”

8 For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.

9 Therefore the Samaritan woman said to Him, “How is it that You, being a Jew, ask me for a drink since I am a Samaritan woman?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)

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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.”

11 She said to Him, “Sir, You have nothing to draw with and the well is deep; where then do You get that living water?”

12 You are not greater than our father Jacob, are You, who gave us the well, and drank of it himself and his sons and his cattle?”

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13 Jesus answered and said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again;

14 but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.”

15 The woman said to Him, “Sir, give me this water, so I will not be thirsty nor come all the way here to draw.”

16 He said to her, “Go, call your husband and come here.”

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17 The woman answered and said, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You have correctly said, ‘I have no husband’;

18 for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; this you have said truly.”

19 The woman said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.

20 Our fathers worshiped in this mountain, and you people say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.”

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21 Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, an hour is coming when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.

22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.

23 But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.

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24 God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

25 The woman said to Him, “I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ); when that One comes, He will declare all things to us.”

26 Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am He.”

27 At this point His disciples came, and they were amazed that He had been speaking with a woman, yet no one said, “What do You seek?” or, “Why do You speak with her?”

JOHN 4: 7-30

28 So the woman left her waterpot, and went into the city and said to the men,

29 “Come, see a man who told me all the things that I have done; this is not the Christ, is it?”

30 They went out of the city, and were coming to Him.

JOHN 4: 39-42

39 From that city many of the Samaritans believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, “He told me all the things that I have done.”

40 So when the Samaritans came to Jesus, they were asking Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days.

41 Many more believed because of His word;

42 and they were saying to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this One is indeed the Savior of the world.”

INTRODUCTION:

The story of the Samaritan woman begins as Jesus is in the Judean countryside with His disciples.

The passage tells us that Jesus had to pass through Samaria as He was going from Judea to Galilee.



The sixth hour would have been our modern - day noon.

It would have been the heat of the day and most people during that time would have been resting.

Most women would come early in the morning or late in the evening to collect water.



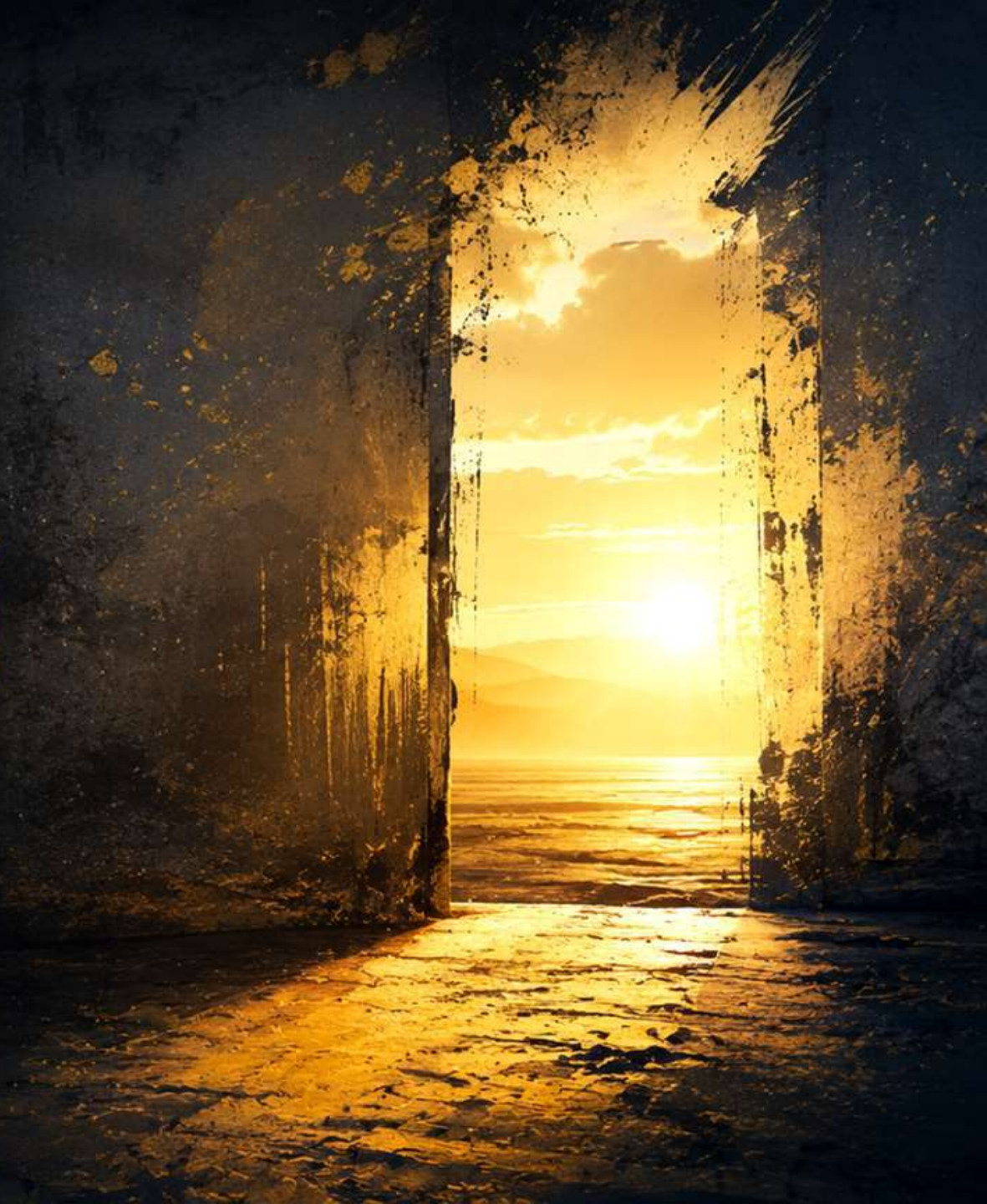
However, Jesus had sent His disciples away and the woman was approaching the well for water.



Through conversation with the Samaritan woman, Jesus revealed Himself three times throughout the story.

The Living Water, Prophet and the Messiah.

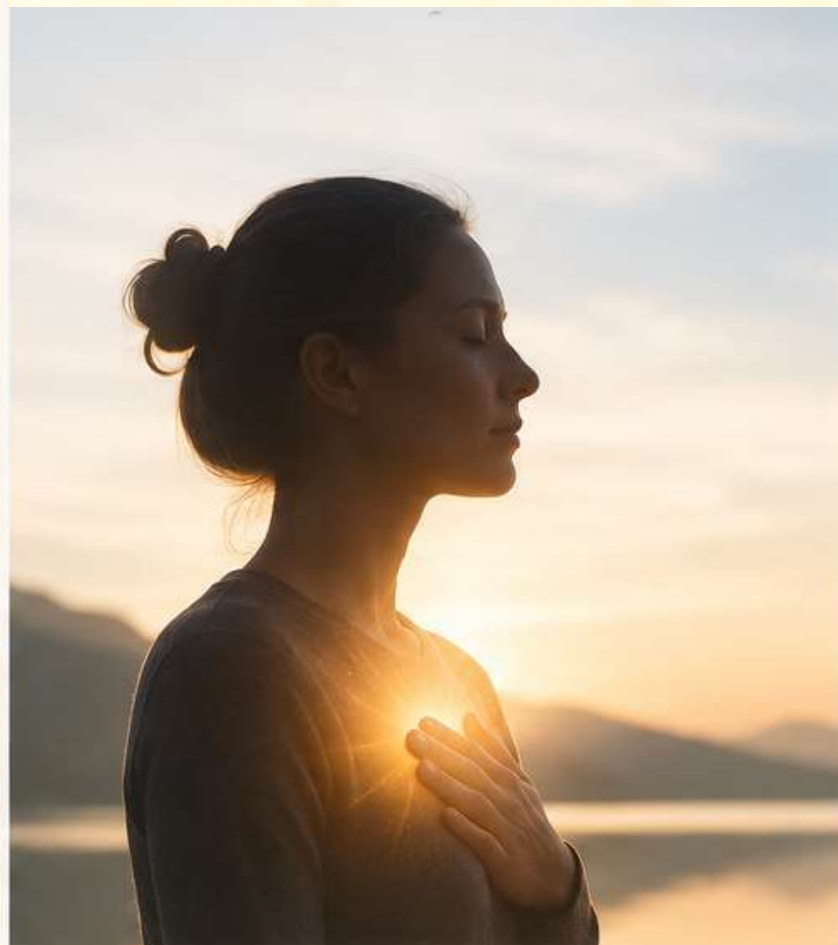
TOUCHING THE UNTOUCHED LIFE



1 An Intentional Touch



2 An Inner Touch



3 An Impactful Touch



Jesus' divine intentionality sought to meet this specific woman at this specific time.



1 An Intentional Touch

Jesus touched the untouchables.

An *untouchable* Nicodemus.

A man from the highest, most intellectual, most religious sphere of society.



And yet, Jesus reaches out to him and invites him in, answers his questions, and challenges his thinking, to draw him into the kingdom.



An *untouchable* Woman.



She's a Samaritan, and an outcast even in Samaria, in and out of relationships with men, far less familiar with God's law.

She's a woman and they meet in broad scorching daylight.

Jesus reaches out to her, engages her questions, and invites her to drink from his fountain of living water.



The ***untouchables*** need an intentional touch.

2 An Inner Touch

Why did Jesus “have to” go through Samaria?

Jesus went because he intended to meet this woman

Nothing happens by chance.

The woman isn't looking for Jesus.

All she wants is water. But Jesus is looking for her.

Four invisible walls:

- **Religious wall.**
- **Gender wall.**
- **Racial wall.**
- **Moral wall.**

Our Lord found a way through all of them into her innermost being.

Jesus offered the Living Water that fills the void.

Sin is the anti-well, the anti - fountain which many are drinking everyday.

Put your jar down. Come to the fountain of life, and you'll never be thirsty again.

Jesus is the living water that we need.

When we put our faith and trust in Him as the Living Water, we can bank on the fact that the well will never run dry.



He is the unending source of **peace, joy, love, self - control, truth, hope, and satisfaction.**

Abundant life can only be found in Him.

3 An Impactful Touch

The woman perceived Jesus as a prophet because He gently called out her sin and *“told me everything I ever did”* (John 4:29).

Jesus is sovereign and sees the sin within our hearts.

He is not surprised by our evil desires, but rather He seeks to reconcile us to the Father in spite of them.

Colossians 1:19-20 says: *“For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.”*

Jesus saw our sin and was willing to shed His blood and endure immense suffering for the sake of our satisfaction and eternal life.

“God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” - Romans 5:8

Jesus touches our lives that we may:

I. Recognize Him as our Savior-King.

We need Jesus to open our eyes to the reality of who He is.

It is only in Jesus that we will be saved from our sins and made new in Christ.

Jesus puts our sin and shame to death on the cross and calls us to walk in His light.

He gives us new desires and a new purpose, that will not be found in any earthly thing, but only in His kingdom.

II. Overflow into the exaltation of the Messiah.

When Jesus is our Messiah, He becomes the Lord of our life.

- We are called to daily take up our cross and follow Him (Matthew 16:24-26). *“If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. 25 For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. 26 For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?”*

- We submit our desires, gifts, talents and time to Him.
- Because of His magnificent sacrifice, our life should exalt His name (Matthew 5:16). *Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.*
- The living water that is given to us so freely in Christ becomes the well-spring of our life (John 4:14). *“...but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.”*

- We come to Christ to be filled, to be forgiven and the void that is filled by Christ in our life overflows so that we desire to proclaim His excellencies (1 Peter 2:9) *But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;* and make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19-20).

Jesus becomes such a treasure to us, as He had become to the Samaritan woman, that we can't stop ourselves from telling others about the joy He has bestowed in our life.

We no longer need the next best thing, because Jesus is the greatest thing that will ever happen to us.

CONCLUSION:

In a world obsessed with the next best thing, we often seek fulfillment in material possessions, relationships, and personal achievements.

Our souls are restless, yearning for deeper satisfaction that can only be found in Jesus, the Messiah, who offers Living Water.

We remain blind to our needs until Jesus opens our eyes.

Jesus revealed Himself to the Samaritan woman as the Living Water, a Prophet, and ultimately the Messiah.

He showed that only He can fill the void in our hearts, offering lasting peace and joy.

Jesus invites us to find our fulfillment in Him, offering a wellspring of life that never runs dry.

He is not repelled by our sin but seeks to reconcile us to God, offering forgiveness and new life.

As our Savior - King, Jesus transforms our desires and gives us a purpose that transcends earthly pursuits.

When we embrace Jesus as our Messiah, our lives overflow with gratitude and a desire to exalt His name.

In Christ, we find a treasure far greater than anything this world can offer, ending our search for the next best thing.

Let us rest in the knowledge that in Christ, we have everything we need, and His living water satisfies our deepest longings, empowering us to live a life of purpose and joy.

