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:5-6 :5 So He came to a city of Samaria called Sychar, near the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph; :6 and Jacob’s well was there. So Jesus, being wearied from His journey, was sitting thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour. Sychar was near Shechem, about ½ mile from Jacob’s well (the land had been bought by Jacob **Gen. 33:18-19**). The well (both dug out and fed by an underground spring) was more than 100 feet deep. Jesus was sitting by that well when the woman came (His fatigue is a reminder of His humanity). Probably noon, the hottest time of the day. Evening was the usual time for women to draw water. She may be shunned because of her reputation.

Read :7-14 :7-8 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. This woman isolated by her own people, had walked ½ mile in the hottest part of the day to get water. Jesus asked her to give Him a drink.

Jesus was breaking Jewish tradition to carry on a public conversation with a woman, nor would any strict Jewish person have drunk from a Samaritan’s cup. Jesus was alone, His disciples hunting for some food in the city of Sychar. “Give Me a drink.” **: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.) Shocking to her!

: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."** God says, "I have a gift for you!" For Jesus, the gift of God was eternal life (:14) through the Spirit (7:38-39). The same message He gave to Nicodemus. Jesus is getting away from race, gender, water, and trying to lift her level of thinking from the physical to the spiritual, just as He had with Nicodemus. "If you knew who I am, you would have asked, and He'd have given you living water, fresh and pure and never-ceasing spring water." He didn't tell her to change anything; just accept God's gift, based on who He was. Nothing/No one else can satisfy us.

:11-12 She said to Him, **"Sir (or Lord), 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?"** Her thinking could get no higher than the water level in the well. "You are offering me living water; where are You going to get it? You're not greater than our father Jacob (the Samaritans traced their lineage to Jacob), are you?" She's expecting a negative answer.

:13-14 Jesus answered and said to her, **"Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; :14 but whoever drinks [aorist, one time] of the water that I will give him shall never thirst [aorist] but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life."** Life is who He is and what He offers. "If you keep drinking only here, you'll always be coming back to this well." Just as she's always coming back to a different man!

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Read :15-26 :15 The woman said to Him, **"Sir (or Lord) give [aorist] me this water, so I will not be thirsty nor come all the way here to draw."** Although she's still talking about physical water, she's dissatisfied at the core of her being; her need couldn't be satisfied by the men in her life. "I want this water. Please, once for all, give it to me. I won't be thirsty or have to make this trip anymore!" Is this the beginning of her walk of faith, desiring eternal life, the gift of God?

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