

We are women who know the joy of the Spirit-filled life. We live and abide in the love of Jesus, trusting that He is enough to meet every need and satisfy every heart.

## The Woman At The Well

The Women of John's Gospel

In John 4 we begin to see Jesus open up open up the good news for the entire world through His encounter with one woman. We see what happens when the Water of Life flows from the heart of Jesus into the life of the woman at the well and into our lives.

The Father is orchestrating the story throughout the book of John This story of the woman at the well was planned very intentionally at a well in Samaria, a well that was an important place throughout the Old Testament, in a region that was significant to the Jewish people (<a href="redemption-here...">redemption His people and of the world.</a>

Not only did God want to redeem the past of His own people, He also wanted to open up the gospel for the entire world. And He wants us to see the God whose arms encompass the whole world steps into a particular space and time, encountering one particular person, and in that moment changes the history of the world. In that moment Jesus offers Living Water to this woman and through her, offers it to the world.

It is interesting that John notes the hour of this meeting as the sixth hour. Only one other event in the book of John takes place at this sixth our and that is the Cross. Cricket said, "...it was so meaningful to me because t I think the shadow of the Cross shines over this story and I think it shines all the way back into Israel's history... The shadow of the Cross shines from this story and covers the whole entire world."

The life-giving water that flows from the heart of God can satisfy our souls forever, not just for the moment. The Hebrew word here indicates for an age and beyond and gives the sense of it being ongoing, never ending. Jesus sought out this woman to offer her His life and He seeks us too. And like that woman at the well, He will meet us at our point of need, shining His light on our brokenness and sin, His life-giving water will flow over our past. "He heals our hurts and our wounds. He forgives our sins and He sets us

free... we do not have to live in the past." There is a whole world who needs the life-giving water of Jesus and we must not keep it for ourselves. Many in Samaria believed because of the testimony of the woman at the well. Like her, we each have a place in God's redemption story, not just for our own sake, but for the sake of another. The whole book of John was written for the sake of another, each one who would come after him. John e writes, "Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples which are not written in this book but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ and that believing you may have life in His name." (John 20:31)

Take some time this week to listen to this whole study, soak in the words of John 4 a reflect on these questions:

Are we willing to let Jesus to upset the status quo in our lives?

Do we believe that the Father is at work to redeem our past and prepare us for His future?

**Are we lingering** in Jesus's presence? **Are we interested** in what He offers?

Is he bringing any darkness to light and if He is, will we take time to let Him do it?



Do we want to receive the Living Water?

Are we willing to lift up our eyes to the Harvest and declare that He is the savior of the world?

Are we willing to pray for our families and our homes and our communities that that Living Water would bring healing to our past and to our future?

Where does Jesus find you today?