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The Power Of Invitation: Never Be Thirsty Again

John 4:3-9 - So he left Judea and returned to Galilee. ⁴ He had to go through Samaria on the way. ⁵ Eventually he came to the Samaritan village of Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there; and Jesus, tired from the long walk, sat wearily beside the well about **noontime**. ⁷ Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Please give me a drink." ⁸ He was alone at the time because his disciples had gone into the village to buy some food. ⁹ The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?"

The Gospel Message Goes Beyond All Human Prejudices

Two Things We Should Know About This Woman:

- 1. She Could Have Gone To A Closer Well.
- 2. She Was Drawing Water At The Hottest Part Of The Day.

The Woman Came To The Well Full Of Shame
She Came To The Well Broken and Beaten Down By Life

- 1. The Gospel's For Everyone, No Matter What Race, Status, Or Sin.
- 2. To Be Ready To Share The Gospel At Any Time, In Any Place.
- 3. To Be Ready To Care For Those Who Are Used To Being Ignored, Rejected and Hurt.

John 4:10-15 - Jesus replied, "If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water." ¹¹ "But sir, you don't have a rope or a bucket," she said, "and this well is very deep. Where would you get this living water? ¹² And besides, do you think you're greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us this well? How can you offer better water than he and his sons and his animals enjoyed?" ¹³ Jesus replied, "Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. ¹⁴ But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life." ¹⁵ "Please, sir," the woman said, "give me this water! Then I'll never be thirsty again, and I won't have to come here to get water."

Jesus Didn't Come To Take Away Challenges, But To:

- 1. Change Us On The Inside.
- 2. To Empower Us To Deal With Problems From God's Perspective.

Jesus Crossed All Barriers To Invite This Woman To Experience A Purposeful Life