

Redemptive Love
God's Redemptive Love
Sunday, February 5th, 2023

John 4: 5-15 NIV

⁵So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

⁷When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" ⁸(His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." ¹¹"Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?" ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"

¹³Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

- 1. Sets a Path to Heal the Wounded.** Jesus is pursuing your heart. Where do you need to grant Him access?
- 2. Surfaces Our Wounds.** What wound in your heart is Jesus trying to surface so He might bring healing? Will you let Him?
- 3. Heals, Restores, Honors.** How is Jesus healing you? Where has He restored you? How is He honoring you? Praise Him for this.

Conclusion: Jesus will set a path to find those who are consumed with guilt, shame, and defeat, so He might set the captives free through His redemptive love. Our role is to grant Him access to our heart so those shackles can be broken.

LIFE GROUP LESSON
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Ice Breaker: Have you had a moment in life someone redeemed you from something? How did that feel?

Read John 4: 5-15.

1. What path did Jesus take to get to Galilee? (v.5)
2. What was significant about where Jesus stopped to rest? (v.6)
3. Who came upon the well? How did Jesus interact with her? (v.7)
4. What was the woman's response to Jesus' question? (v.9)
5. What truth did Jesus reveal to this woman? (v.10)
6. How did the woman respond? Was she curious to know more? (v.11)
7. What can we defer with the woman's questions about her comfort level with Jesus compared with how women and men interacted?
8. What is Jesus offering when He says, "you will never thirst again"? (v.13)
9. What is the promise for all who drink His living water? (v.14)
10. How did the woman respond to this invitation? (v.15)
11. To understand the significance of this encounter we must understand the woman's state. What does Jesus reveal to her? (vs. 16-18)
12. How would this woman have been treated in her culture?
13. Why do you think she came alone to the well at noon-in the heat of the day? She was not with other women who gathered water.
14. What did Jesus want to free this woman from? What did He want to heal in her? What was this bondage doing to her?
15. Do you believe He wants to do similar healing in you?
16. What is the significance of Jesus choosing a broken, outcast, dismissed Samaritan woman to reveal He was the Messiah?
17. Read Matthew 9: 11-12. Who did Jesus come for? Is this you?
18. Read John 4: 22-26. What was Jesus doing in this exchange? How did Jesus treat her?
19. Read John 4: 28-30, 39-42 What happened because of her healing?
20. Read Romans 8: 1-2. How important is believing this truth in the healing of our hearts? If Jesus doesn't condemn you, do you have any reason to condemn yourself?

Point to ponder: We can't function to the fullness of who we are in Christ if we don't let Jesus remove the shackles from our heart that bind us. He came to set the captives free and restore the broken. Honor His sacrifice by letting Him heal you and set you free.