

LEARNING TO HEAR HIS VOICE: A JOURNEY TO JESUS

WEEK 3

Jesus Makes Happiness Attainable ... for the Outcast

After visiting with Nicodemus, Jesus headed into the Judean countryside with His small band of disciples. As people began flocking to Him, rumors about His popularity and ministry began to develop into a controversy that threatened to divide His followers from those of His cousin and forerunner, John the Baptist. Rather than lend fuel to the fires of gossip and jealousy, Jesus quietly withdrew, returning to Galilee. On His journey through Samaria, He had a divine appointment with one woman – an outcast from society – who was running on empty.

I find myself from time to time running on empty: in the busyness of ministry, the pressures of responsibility, the demands of family, the weariness of activity, the excitement of opportunity.

I sometimes wake up and realize, I am so dry and thirsty. Invariably, when I examine myself, the reason for the dryness of spirit can be traced to one thing: I'm not drinking freely of the Water of Life. I'm neglecting my Bible study. I'm rushing through my prayer time. I'm not listening to the voice of the Lord because I'm just too busy to be still. At those times I carve out quiet interludes to confess my sins and read and meditate and pray and listen and just drink Him in.

Thank you, dear God, for still giving Living Water from the Well that never goes dry.

Note: Some Scripture verses were omitted on the worksheets for this chapter due to space restraints. But you are encouraged to go back and study the entire passage for the fullest blessing.

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<p>JOHN 4:1-6</p> <p>1 The Pharisees heard that Jesus was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John,</p> <p>2 although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples.</p> <p>3 When the Lord learned of this, he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee.</p> <p>4 Now he had to go through Samaria.</p> <p>5 So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph.</p> <p>6 Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour.</p>			

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<p>JOHN 4:7-11; 13-14</p> <p>7 When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?”</p> <p>8 (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)</p> <p>9 The 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.)</p> <p>10 Jesus 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.”</p> <p>11 “Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?”</p> <p>13 Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again,</p> <p>14 but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”</p>			

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<p>JOHN 4:16-21; 24-26</p> <p>16 He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."</p> <p>17 "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband."</p> <p>18 The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."</p> <p>19 "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet."</p> <p>20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."</p> <p>21 Jesus declared, "Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem."</p> <p>24 God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth."</p> <p>25 The woman said, "I know that Messiah (the Christ) is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."</p> <p>26 Then Jesus declared, "I who speak to you am he."</p>			

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<p>JOHN 4:27-34</p> <p>27 Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, "What do you want?" or "Why are you talking with her?"</p> <p>28 Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people,</p> <p>29 "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Christ?"</p> <p>30 They came out of the town and made their way toward him.</p> <p>31 Meanwhile his disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat something."</p> <p>32 But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you know nothing about."</p> <p>33 Then his disciples said to each other, "Could someone have brought him food?"</p> <p>34 "My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work."</p>			

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<p>JOHN 4:35-42</p> <p>35 “Do you not say, ‘Four months more and then the harvest?’ I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.</p> <p>36 Even now the reaper draws his wages, even now he harvests the crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together.</p> <p>37 Thus the saying ‘One sows and another reaps’ is true.</p> <p>38 I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor.”</p> <p>39 Many of the Samaritans from the town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I ever did.”</p> <p>40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days.</p> <p>41 And because of his words many more became believers.</p> <p>42 They said to the woman, “We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world.”</p>			

