

## Sermon Notes - 2/19/20

### Pastor Michelle Lee (Director & Associate Pastor of RRM) Quench Your Thirst

Gatorade, Sprite, Water "Sprite quenches your thirst"

When you live for others approval you will always be thirsty!

Tonight we're talking about the Woman at the well. We all know the story but I want to point out something that I hope that by the end of the night we can relate to the woman at the well.

We know it's not accident that she comes with her empty jar to fill up with water and that Jesus is there to fill her up way more than her jar can hold.

John 4:4-14 The Message (MSG)

**4-6** To get there, he had to pass through Samaria. He came into Sychar, a Samaritan village that bordered the field Jacob had given his son Joseph. Jacob's well was still there. Jesus, worn out by the trip, sat down at the well. It was noon.

**(We find Jesus sitting at the well for 6 hours when we meet...)**

**7-8** A woman, a Samaritan, came to draw water. Jesus said, "Would you give me a drink of water?" (His disciples had gone to the village to buy food for lunch.)

**9** The Samaritan woman, taken aback, asked, "How come you, a Jew, are asking me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" (Jews in those days wouldn't be caught dead talking to Samaritans.)

**10** Jesus answered, "If you knew the generosity of God and who I am, you would be asking *me* for a drink, and I would give you fresh, living water."

**11-12** The woman said, "Sir, you don't even have a bucket to draw with, and this well is deep. So how are you going to get this 'living water'? Are you a better man than our ancestor Jacob, who dug this well and drank from it, he and his sons and livestock, and passed it down to us?"

**13-14** Jesus said, "Everyone who drinks this water will get thirsty again and again. Anyone who drinks the water I give will never thirst—not ever. The water I give will be an artesian spring within, gushing fountains of endless life. ((He gives her living water something that a jar can't contain.))

JESUS SAYS "LETS TALK ABOUT THE ACTUAL WELL YOU KEEP GOING TOO. IM NOT JUST TALKING ABOUT WATER, I'M TALKING ABOUT HOW THIRSTY YOU ARE."

John 4:16-18NIV **16** He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." **17** "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. **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."

Recap:

- she shows up at noon (the middle of the day when it's the absolute hottest) back in Genesis when the well was created by Jacob it said the women went to the well in the evening it was the social highpoint of a woman's day
- Commentary says this well wasn't even near her home, which means she is traveling out of her way in the middle of the hottest part of the day because She was outcasted by others.
- We see that Jesus calls her out and reveals that she's been married 5x's: Let's not PREJUDGE the situation. we don't know what happened to her husbands.
- During this time a Jew and especially a Samaritan would know that when a man and a woman meet at a well, a wedding usually follows. And this well is not just any well; it is the same well where Jacob met his first wife Rachel in the middle of the day. [Gen 29](#).
- Under the law a woman could not initiate a divorce; which would mean she couldn't have divorced her 5 husbands. Also a woman who's been divorced wouldn't be likely to be taken as the wife of another man.
- Good to know during this time when a husband passed away and was childless it was his brother's responsibility to take the wife as his own and marry her.

So unlike most stories that portray her as this promiscuous woman we can assume that she was either divorced by 5 men or more sensibly, that the woman has been widowed multiple times?

- We know this about her: she was untrusting, broken, alone, & rejected until she meets Jesus (bridegroom) meets her and doesn't just meet her but approves of her.

Do you ever find yourself looking for approval? Searching for something to find satisfaction in.

- refreshing Instagram to see who liked what!?
- Checking to see who's looking at your story!?
- Always making sure you have the latest trend in clothes & shoes. It's Never enough
- Are you seeking for your friends to tell you your enough?
- New friends circle, new relationships?
- New job, New house, New car
  
- new iPhone that's all good until the newest one drops and your friend gets it.

Envy sets in. Never enough!

- 2012 car your driving is enough, until someone you knows gets a 2020 with all the bells and whistles and then you want more. Never enough!
- That new promotion was enough, until that coworker got a promotion and now they're your manager! Resentment sets in. Never enough!
- Your boyfriend is enough, until your best friend gets engaged. Jealousy sets in.
- Your content with not having kids, until everyone you know starts getting pregnant and your not!
- Reminds me when your grade school and it's gym class and you're waiting to get picked for a team and it's between you and .... you know. (Oh your thirsty now!)

## THEY ARE NEVER ENOUGH 🎵 🎵

We keep going to things to "fill us up" to quench our thirst. The thirst may get quenched but you will thirst again.

Your brokenness, your disappointment, your hurt will take you back to the same well over and over until you realize those wells will never bring full satisfaction.

-I'm for the friendships (community), I'm for the healthy relationships, I'm for promotions (money in your bank account is great!) You work hard- it's okay to have a nice house and car.

\*\*Just don't look for those things to quench your thirst, to fill you up.

BECAUSE THE ONLY THING THAT CAN FILL YOU UP AND QUENCH YOUR THIRST IS JESUS. ONLY JESUS. ONLY JESUS IS ENOUGH.

John 6:35 NIV "Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

HUNGER AND THRIST ARE 2 different things

"Those who come won't be hungry"

**"Whoever Believes wont be thirsty!" You have to believe He is enough, to never thirst again.**

Jesus knows every well you've been too and which ones you're consistently going too. There is a lot of THIRSTY people out there searching for water in all the wrong wells.

John 4:27-30 :39(NIV)

**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?"

**28** Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, **29** "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?" **30** They came out of the town and made their way toward him.

**39** Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did."

- That experience radically change her life. Says... she goes back to the very people who wouldn't accept her because she "was accepted" by Jesus and because she tells her experience they too believe now.
- knowing you're accepted allows the living water to overflow out of you onto those around you. You are a life-spring of living water. Your story quenches the thirst.

You are dangerous to the enemy when you believe "value" more of what God thinks about you than the acceptance and approval of those around you!

Jesus is the living water, Jesus is enough, He has always been enough. He is more than enough.

PRAYER+

With every eye closed, every head bowed, lift your hands tonight if you wanna give up the wells and drink from the fountain of living water tonight. To never thirst again. 🙏

I don't know what we'll you've been pulling from. Holy Spirit Show then what wells they are pulling from that they need to surrender and meet them here tonight at this well.

Meet us tonight, fill us with your living water, because you are enough, you're more than enough Jesus. Amen