

# Life on Purpose

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## John 4:5-19 (ESV)

<sup>5</sup> So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. <sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>7</sup> A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."  
<sup>8</sup> (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock."  
<sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. <sup>[b]</sup> The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." <sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." <sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet."

## Jesus was "weary from his journey." (v.6)

-Are you weary from your journey today? Not bad company to find yourself in if so. It's easy for some of us to listen to the lie from the enemy that "we're not supposed to be tired or in need." Yet this world we've been placed in has quite

the ability to wear us down as the devil seeks to take us out. The enemy's primary purpose is to steal your passion, kill your vision and destroy your destiny. **(John 10:10a)** Will you let him do it or will you defend yourself and the next generation with the truth of God's Word? **(John 10:10b)**

### **Two cycles we can find ourselves in:**

1. **Cycle of Self-Righteousness:** we're ok just the way we are, thank you very much. We don't take the time to stop and examine ourselves because after all, what is there to examine?
2. **Cycle of Brokenness:** we do whatever we can to numb the pain. We're so angry, hurt, bitter, broken...we come up with as many different methods as we can to "fix ourselves."

-Although the two cycles look very different on the outside, they are actually very similar in their genesis. Both stem out of a self-reliance. God so desires that our hearts would turn toward Him at all times, in all things. **(Proverbs 3:5-6)**

### **The woman never accomplished what she came to do- draw water from the well- and that's just the point. (v.7; 28)**

-You might feel a little like the woman at the well today, you never have accomplished what you set out to do. That fact may cause you to feel unfulfilled, aimless or even purposeless. But I have a word of hope for you today, because of the redemptive nature of our God- that very thing that you've been focusing on for so long may very well be something that God wants you to forget about in light of meeting Jesus, hearing His voice and obeying His will for your life.

### **Literal Water vs. Living Water (v.13-14)**

-Sometimes, when God speaks to our hearts, we just don't get it. And often, I'd say it's understandably so. We read of many times in the scriptures where Jesus' closest friends and even family have a very difficult time understanding Him. Certainly that's the case here for the Samaritan woman at the well, at least

initially. It seems as though she just isn't getting it; that Jesus is referring to a spiritual water that satisfies an eternal thirst.

I think that's at least one reason why He brings up the question of her husband. **(v.16-19)** He already knew the answer to the question He was asking but He also knew that having her share about it and tell her own story; that as her very own words hit her very own ears, she would all of a sudden become aware of her great need for a Savior.