THE

REAL THING

WEEK 1

PERSONAL REFLECTIONS

"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." - JOHN 4:10

WHERE MIGHT I BE MISSING OR MISUNDERSTANDING THE "GIFT OF GOD" IN MY OWN LIFE BECAUSE I AM FOCUSED ON THE PHYSICAL, THE IMMEDIATE, OR THE FAMILIAR—JUST AS THE SAMARITAN WOMAN MISUNDERSTOOD JESUS' OFFER OF LIVING WATER?

"GO, CALL YOUR HUSBAND AND COME BACK." - JOHN 4:16

WHEN JESUS GENTLY EXPOSES TRUTH IN MY LIFE—AREAS OF SIN, PAIN, OR SHAME—HOW DO I RESPOND? DO I HIDE, DEFLECT, OR CHANGE THE SUBJECT LIKE THE WOMAN DID, OR DO I ALLOW HIS TRUTH TO BRING HEALING?

"...TRUE WORSHIPERS WILL WORSHIP THE FATHER IN THE SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH, FOR THEY ARE THE KIND OF WORSHIPERS THE FATHER SEEKS. GOD IS SPIRIT AND HIS WORSHIPERS MUST WORSHIP IN THE SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH." - JOHN 4:23-34

IS MY WORSHIP SHAPED MORE BY PERSONAL PREFERENCE, TRADITION, OR PLACE—LIKE THE SAMARITAN/JEWISH DEBATE—OR BY THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST AND THE TRUTH OF GOD'S REVELATION? WHAT WOULD IT LOOK LIKE FOR MY WORSHIP TO BE TRULY "IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH"?