The Way, Truth, and Life

-Past ways, how things used to go

- -Current ways, how things go
- -Future ways, how things will go

"Jesus explained, "I am <u>the</u> Way, I am <u>the</u> Truth, and I am <u>the</u> Life. No one comes next to the Father except through union with Me. To know Me is to know My Father too." John 14:6 TPT

"And now we are brothers and sisters in God's family because of the blood of Jesus, and He welcomes us to come into the most holy sanctuary in the heavenly realm—boldly and without hesitation. For He has dedicated a new, <u>life-giving way</u> for us to approach God. For just as the veil was torn in two, Jesus' body was torn open to give us free and fresh access to Him! And since we now have a magnificent High Priest to welcome us into God's house, we come closer to God and approach Him with an open heart, fully convinced that nothing will keep us at a distance from Him. For our hearts have been sprinkled with blood to remove impurity, and we have been freed from an accusing conscience. Now we are clean, unstained, and presentable to God inside and out!" Hebrews 10:19-22 TPT

- 1. Jesus is the eternal, yesterday, today, and forever, way <u>out</u> of a life bound by sin <u>into</u> a life united with Him in blessing and abundance
- 2. The Woman at the Well:

"Wearied by His long journey, He sat on the edge of Jacob's well, and sent His disciples into the village to buy food, for it was already afternoon. Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink."

She replied, "Why would a Jewish man ask a Samaritan woman for a drink of water?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus replied, "If you only knew who I am and the gift that God wants to give you, you'd ask Me for a drink, and I would give you living water." The woman replied, "But sir, You don't even have a bucket, and the well is very deep. So where do You find this 'living water'? Do You really think that You are greater than our ancestor Jacob who dug this well and drank from it himself, along with his children and livestock?" Jesus answered, "If you drink from Jacob's well, you'll be thirsty again, but if anyone drinks the living water I give them, they will never be thirsty again. For when you drink the water I give you, it becomes a gushing fountain of the Holy Spirit, flooding you with endless life!" The woman replied, "Let me drink that water so I'll never be thirsty again and won't have to come back here to draw water." Jesus said, "Go get your husband and bring him back here."

"But I'm not married," the woman answered. "That's true," Jesus said, "for you've been married five times, and now you're living with a man who is not your husband. You have told the truth." The woman changed the subject. "You must be a prophet! So tell me this: Why do our fathers worship God on this nearby mountain, but your people teach that Jerusalem is the place where we must worship. Who is right?" Jesus responded, "Believe me, dear woman, the time has come when you will worship the Father neither on a mountain nor in Jerusalem, but in your heart. Your people don't really know the One they worship, but we Jews worship out of our experience, for it's from the Jews that salvation is available.

The woman said, "This is all so confusing, but I do know that the Anointed One is coming—the true Messiah. And when he comes, he will tell us everything we need to know." Jesus said to her, "You don't have to wait any longer, the Anointed One is here speaking with you—I am the One you're looking for."

Many from the Samaritan village became believers in Jesus because of the woman's testimony: "He told me everything I ever did!" Then they begged Jesus to stay with them, so he stayed there for two days, resulting in many more coming to faith in Him because of His message. The Samaritans said to the woman, "Now we've heard Him ourselves. We no longer believe just because of what you told us, but we're convinced that He really is the true Savior of the world!""" John 4:5-26, 39-42 TPT