

What Was I Thinking?

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Sometimes we find ourselves stuck because we've tried to follow rules, rather than Jesus. However, sometimes, we get stuck because of a poor decision we've made.

The Woman at the Well

John 4:1-30, 39-42

The woman at the well has made poor decisions, and at first she doesn't want to talk about them. Yet when Jesus ignores her attempts to change the subject and helps her to address the issues in her heart, everything changes!

1. She was hiding, but Jesus found her.

The woman came at noon, the hottest and least convenient part of the day, so that she would avoid seeing anyone.

Jesus "had" to pass through Samaria not because it was the only way to his destination, but because he was compelled to find this woman!

God doesn't run away from our issues; He comes after us!

Genesis 3:8-9 – When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the Lord God walking around in the garden. So they hid from the Lord God among the trees. Then the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?"

Psalms 139:23-24 – "Search me O God and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life."

2. She was empty and desperate, but Jesus satisfied her.

John 4:13-15 – Jesus replied, "Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a rich, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life." "Please, sir," the woman said, "give me this water! Then I'll never be thirsty again, and I won't have to come here to get water."

We cannot fulfill our purpose or find satisfaction in life on our own.

Jeremiah 2:13 – "For my people have done two evil things. They have abandoned me the fountain of living water and they have dug for themselves cracked cisterns that can hold no water."

The woman has been married so many times because she believed that she could fill her heart with men, when her heart could only be truly filled with God.

3. She was broken but Jesus redeemed her.

John 4:28 – The woman left her water jar beside the well and ran back to the village, telling everyone...

Why did she leave her water pot?

- She was leaving her past behind.
- She boldly stepped into her future.

You can make a fresh start!

God has found you, He wants to satisfy you, and He wants to redeem you. **Will you stop running?**