

Watch What You Say

Big 10 - Week 2 Devotional

Day 1

Reading: John 4:1-10

Devotional

Jesus met the Samaritan woman in an ordinary place, during an ordinary task, in the middle of an ordinary day. She came to the well because she needed water. But Jesus knew her need went deeper than physical thirst. That is often how Jesus works. He meets us in the middle of normal life and begins speaking to the deeper places in us. We may think our greatest need is more money, a better relationship, a new opportunity, less pressure, or a different season of life. But underneath many of those desires is a deeper thirst: the longing to be known, loved, forgiven, secure, and fulfilled.

This is the invitation of Christ. He does not shame us for being thirsty. He simply shows us that the things of this world cannot fully satisfy the thirst of the soul. Every earthly source eventually runs dry. But Jesus offers living water: life that does not depend on circumstances, possessions, approval, or success.

Application

Reflection: What kinds of things do you most often look to for satisfaction, comfort, or security?

Action: Today, pay attention to one moment when you feel restless, frustrated, or discontent. Instead of immediately reaching for a distraction, pause and ask Jesus to meet you there.

Prayer: Jesus, help me recognize the deeper thirst in my soul. Teach me to come to You instead of trying to satisfy my heart with things that cannot last. Amen.

Day 2

Reading: John 4:11-15

Devotional

The woman was confused because she was thinking in earthly terms. She saw the well, the bucket, the rope, and the physical need for water. Jesus was speaking about something far deeper. Her question was practical: "How are You going to get the water?" But Jesus was not limited by the tools she thought were necessary. He was not concerned about the bucket or the rope. He was concerned about the source.

Many times, we spend our energy trying to improve the bucket. We think, "If I had a better job, a stronger relationship, a healthier body, a nicer home, more control, more recognition, then I would finally be satisfied." But the problem is not always the bucket. The problem is often the well.

If you draw your identity, peace, and joy from the world, you will have to keep coming back again and again. The world can offer temporary relief, but it cannot give eternal satisfaction. Success fades. People disappoint us. Comfort disappears. Possessions break. Even good gifts cannot take the place of the Giver.

Jesus offers a different kind of water. He gives life that is not dependent on everything going right. He gives peace that can remain even in difficulty. He gives forgiveness that cleanses deeply. He gives Himself.

Application

Reflection: How many times do you try to fix your "bucket" instead of asking whether you are drawing from the right well?

Action: Choose one area where you have been seeking fulfillment apart from Jesus. Name it honestly, and surrender that area to Him today.

Prayer: Jesus, forgive me for trying to satisfy my soul with things that cannot fully satisfy. Help me draw from You, the well that never runs dry. Amen.

Day 3

Reading: John 4:16-18; Romans 10:9

Devotional

Jesus did not ignore the woman's sin, but He also did not crush her with shame. He spoke the truth about her life, but He did it with grace. This is one of the beautiful things about Jesus. He knows everything about us and still moves toward us. He knew her past. He knew her relationships. He knew her pain, choices, and brokenness. Yet He stayed in the conversation. He did not walk away.

But His grace did not mean pretending sin did not matter. Jesus loved her enough to tell the truth. Real love does not hide what is destroying us. Real grace does not leave us trapped. Jesus exposed her sin not to embarrass her, but to invite her into freedom.

The gospel always includes both repentance and belief. Repentance means turning from sin and turning toward God. Belief means trusting that Jesus is who He says He is and that His death and resurrection are enough to save us.

Sometimes people want comfort from Jesus without correction from Jesus. But the healing He offers goes deeper than making us feel better. He came to make us new.

Application

Reflection: What kind of truth might Jesus be lovingly bringing to the surface in your life right now?

Action: Take a quiet moment to confess one specific sin, attitude, or pattern to Jesus. Receive His forgiveness, and ask Him to help you turn from it.

Prayer: Jesus, thank You for loving me enough to tell me the truth. Help me repent where I need to repent and believe deeply in Your grace. Amen.

Day 4

Reading: John 4:19-26

Devotional

The woman shifted the conversation toward worship locations. The Samaritans worshiped on Mount Gerizim, while the Jews worshiped in Jerusalem. But Jesus pointed her beyond location and ritual to the heart of true worship. True worship is not mainly about a place. It is about a Person. Jesus tells her that the Father is seeking worshipers who worship in spirit and in truth.

To worship in **spirit** means worship is not merely external. It is not just songs, church attendance, religious habits, or saying the right words. It comes from the heart. It is personal, surrendered, and alive.

To worship in **truth** means worship is rooted in who God really is. We do not worship a version of God we create for ourselves. We worship the God revealed through Scripture and ultimately through Jesus Christ.

Then Jesus makes the conversation incredibly personal. He tells her plainly that He is the Messiah. The One she had heard about, wondered about, and waited for was standing right in front of her. The answer to our thirst, confusion, sin, and searching is not a system or a place. It is Jesus. He is the Messiah. He is the living water. He is the way to the Father.

True worship begins when you see Jesus for who He really is and respond with your whole life.

Application

Reflection: What kind of worship do you offer God most often—routine worship, distracted worship, or surrendered worship?

Action: Before your next church service, prayer time, or worship song, pause and remind yourself: "Jesus, You are worthy of my whole heart."

Prayer: Father, teach me to worship You in spirit and in truth. Help me see Jesus clearly and respond to Him with sincerity, surrender, and love. Amen.

Day 5

Reading: Matthew 11:28-30; John 15:4-5

Devotional

Jesus does not invite the strong, impressive, and perfectly put-together to come to Him. He invites the weary. He invites the burdened. He invites those who are tired from carrying what they were never meant to carry.

Many people live exhausted because they are constantly drawing from the wrong well. They strive to be successful enough, attractive enough, wealthy enough, needed enough, or good enough. But those wells always demand more. They do not give rest. Jesus gives a different invitation: "Come to Me." Not "perform for Me." Not "clean yourself up first." Not "figure everything out." Just come.

In John 15, Jesus tells us to abide in Him. Abiding means remaining, staying connected, and depending on Him daily. A branch does not produce fruit by trying harder apart from the vine. It produces fruit by staying connected to the source of life. This is how we keep drinking from the well that never runs dry. We come to Jesus, and we stay with Jesus. We bring Him our burdens, our desires, our failures, our decisions, and our ordinary days. We let His life shape our life.

The goal is not simply to visit Jesus when you are empty. The goal is to abide in Him so that His life continually fills you.

Application

Reflection: How many burdens are you carrying that Jesus has invited you to bring to Him?

Action: Choose one burden you have been carrying. Write it down or say it out loud, then give it to Jesus in prayer today.

Prayer: Jesus, I come to You with my weariness and my burdens. Help me abide in You and draw from Your life each day. Thank You for being the well that never runs dry. Amen.