

Leave the Jar Devotional

5-Day Devotional: Encountering Jesus at the Well

Day 1: Jesus Breaks Through Boundaries

****Reading:**** John 4:3-9

****Devotional:****

Jesus intentionally went to Samaria, crossing cultural, racial, and religious boundaries that others avoided. He positioned Himself at the well, waiting to meet a woman society had cast aside. This was no accident—it was divine appointment. Notice that Jesus didn't wait for her to come to Him in a proper setting; He went to her shame-filled place. In a time where Samaritans and Jews didn't get along and it was strange for a man to talk to a woman in public, Jesus spoke and she responded. Sometimes it may feel there is a preverbal wall between heaven and us, but I can assure you God is there wanting you to encounter Him. To think of hearing from God may seem strange like this story's encounter of a Jewish man and a Samaritan woman, but God wants to interact with us but we feel undeserving. What boundaries of shame, past mistakes, or unworthiness do you believe separate you from God? The truth is that Jesus has already crossed every barrier to meet you exactly where you are. He sits at your well today, not to condemn, but to offer you something far greater than you've ever known. Will you approach Him?

Day 2: The Gift of Living Water

****Reading:**** John 4:10-14; John 7:37-39

****Devotional:****

The woman came seeking natural water but encountered supernatural provision. Jesus offered living water—the Holy Spirit—that would satisfy her deepest thirst forever. We often return to the same broken wells, repeating cycles that never truly satisfy. Perhaps it's a relationship, achievement, substance, or validation from others. These are stagnant pools compared to the fresh, bubbling spring Jesus offers. The Holy Spirit within you is the real living water, continuously flowing, guiding you into truth, and pointing you to Jesus. Stop carrying heavy buckets to empty wells. Drink deeply from the Spirit today. Ask Jesus to fill you afresh with His presence, and experience satisfaction that transforms your entire life.

Day 3: Worship in Spirit and Truth

****Reading:**** John 4:19-24; Romans 12:1-2

****Devotional:****

True worship transcends location, ritual, and religious debate. It flows from a transformed heart empowered by the Holy Spirit and aligned with God's truth. The Samaritan woman tried to deflect Jesus' conviction with theological arguments about worship locations, but Jesus redirected her to something deeper—authentic relationship with the Father. Worship isn't merely singing songs or attending services; it's offering your entire life as a living sacrifice. It means turning away from stagnant pools of sin and aligning your lifestyle with Christ's kingdom. Where are you offering lip service instead of life surrender? God seeks worshipers who will worship Him in the freedom and power of the Spirit, living righteously and authentically. Let your life become your worship today.

Day 4: Encountering the Messiah

****Reading:**** John 4:25-26, 39-42

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The progression of the woman's understanding mirrors our own spiritual journey: stranger, teacher, prophet, then Messiah. When Jesus revealed His true identity, everything changed. She faced a choice—receive Him as Lord or reject Him. Her response was immediate and transformative. She left her jar of shame at His feet and ran to tell others. Many today acknowledge Jesus as a good teacher or prophet but stop short of surrendering to Him as Messiah and Savior. Intellectual acknowledgment without heart transformation leaves you still carrying your jar. What needs to be left at Jesus' feet today? What shame, sin, or self-sufficiency must you abandon to fully embrace Him as your Savior? Make that choice today. Leave your jar behind.

Day 5: Share Your Testimony

****Reading:**** John 4:28-30, 39-42

****Devotional:****

The woman who once avoided her community became their evangelist. She went to the very people who had shamed her and said, "Come and see!" Her testimony brought them to Jesus, but their faith became personal when they encountered Him themselves. Your story matters. The places of your greatest shame can become your most powerful testimony. Don't wait until you feel qualified or cleaned up—go tell others about the One who met you at your well. Notice she didn't have all the answers; she simply invited them to encounter Jesus for themselves. Who in your life needs to hear that Jesus offers living water? Who are you avoiding because of shame or fear? Like this woman, you've encountered the Savior of the world. Now bring others to meet Him for themselves.