

LIVING WATER



Who knows how many years this woman had been coming to this well to get water. She came with an empty jar and took it away full. Soon it was empty again and she had to come back. If she hadn't had a well like this to come to, she and her five husbands would long since have been dead.

This water kept her alive.

But there was another kind of water that this woman, her five husbands and the other people of the village had never tasted. They didn't even know how thirsty they were, until that day when the strange man, sitting by the village well said, "Give me a drink."

Living water? Who ever heard of it? What does it do for you?

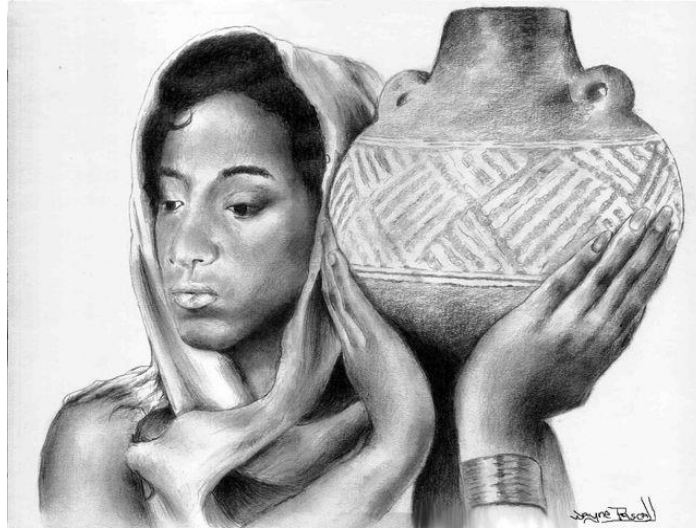
She left her water jar where it was and ran into the village. Everybody knew what kind of woman she was. She wasn't exactly respected. Yet today when she says, "Come, see a man who told me all I ever did!" the whole village obeys her as if she's a queen giving a command.

Her words have authority. She may not be aware of it, but the Living water has already begun to flow in her. Life began welling up in her the instant she did what Jesus told her to do.

Jacob's well, where Jesus sat talking to the Samaritan woman, was the well of Natural Faith. This is the only well that most people know anything at all about. This well satisfies, but only temporarily.

You take your water jar and drop it down into the well and haul it up. You do this by saying a prayer or uttering a desire. State your need before God and the jar will come up with something in it.

The trouble with this kind of water is that it is soon consumed and you are thirsty again.



Jesus watches you as you keep coming to the Well of Natural Faith filling your water jar.

He has something so much better: LIVING WATER.

And He begins giving you this Living Water by asking you to do some simple thing:

"Give me a drink."

"Lend me your boat, Peter."

"Let me have those five loaves and two fish."

"Come down out of that tree, I dine at your house today."

If you respond, Jesus says, "Ask me, and I'll give you Living Water. Not just a blessing, but the Spirit of the Living God."

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Prayer: Lord help us to go beyond drawing from the well just to have our natural needs met. Give us the desire to drink of your Living Water... to thirst for your Spirit more than our wants and needs. May we take your offer and truly understand this priceless gift. And yes, may we hear and listen to your voice with our whole being so that your words, your Living Water will spring up in us and flood us with life. Amen.

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