

The Story Of Grace

(10) Filled By Grace

(John 4:4) JESUS... **"HAD TO PASS THROUGH SAMARIA!"**

John 4:7 (ESV)

"WILL YOU GIVE ME A DRINK?"

John 4:9 (ESV)

"You are a **JEW** and I am a **SAMARITAN** Woman. How can you ask me for a drink?"

John 4:10 (ESV)

"If you knew the **GIFT OF GOD** and **WHO** it is that asks you for a drink – you would have asked him and he would have given you **LIVING WATER**."

(Vs 11)

"Sir... You have nothing to draw with and the well is deep.
Where can you get this **LIVING WATER**?"

(Vs 12)

"Are you greater than our father Jacob – who gave us the well and drank from it himself – as did also his sons and his flocks and herds?"

(Vss 13-14)

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again – but whoever drinks the water I give him will **NEVER THIRST!** Indeed – the water I give him will become in him a **SPRING OF WATER** – welling up to **ETERNAL LIFE!**"

The **"WATER"** Jesus offered was the very thing for which **HER SOUL** was designed to **THIRST** for... **A RELATIONSHIP WITH HER CREATOR!**

John 4:15 (ESV)

"Sir... Give me this **WATER** so that I won't get **THIRSTY** – and have to keep coming here to draw water!"

(Vs 16)

"GO... CALL YOUR HUSBAND AND COME BACK!"

(Vs 17)

"I have no husband."

(Vs 18)

"You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is – you have had **FIVE HUSBANDS** – and the man you now have is **NOT** your **HUSBAND**. What you have just said is quite true."

JESUS knew that for the **EXCHANGE** to be **COMPLETE** – He had to dig up the **OLD** so that it could be **REPLACED** with the **NEW... ONCE and FOR ALL!**

(Vs 19-20)

"Sir... I can see that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain – but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

(Vss 21-24)

*"Believe me – woman – a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain or in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know – we worship what we do know – for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and **HAS NOW COME** – when the true worshipers will worship the **FATHER** in **SPIRIT** and **TRUTH** – for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is **SPIRIT** – and His worshipers **MUST WORSHIP** in **SPIRIT** and in **TRUTH**!"*

(Vs 25)

*"I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming.
When he comes – he will explain everything to us."*

Remember...

(John 4:4) JESUS... "HAD TO PASS THROUGH SAMARIA"...

John 4:26 (ESV)

"I WHO SPEAK TO YOU AM HE!"

**JESUS ALWAYS CHOSE TO REVEAL HIS TRUE IDENTITY
AT THE STRANGEST TIME TO THE MOST UNEXPECTED PEOPLE!**

Jesus **CHOSE** to **GO TO** an **OUT-OF-THE-WAY TOWN**
and **EXTEND GRACE** to an **OUT-OF-THE-WAY-WOMAN!**

As the **WOMAN** from **SYCHAR** discovered...
GOD'S RESPONSE TO THE THIRSTY SOUL... IS GRACE!!!

Hebrews 4:16 (ESV)

Let us then with **confidence** draw near to the throne of **GRACE**,
that we may receive **mercy** and find **grace** to **help in time of need**.

The only thing that's **PROMISED** folks is this...
GRACE and **MERCY**... **IN** our time of **NEED**!

2 Corinthians 12:9 (ESV)

But he said to me, "**My GRACE is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.**" Therefore I will **boast** all the more **gladly** of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

GOD'S "IN-SPITE-OF" GRACE!

To experience **GOD'S "IN-SPITE-OF" GRACE** –
we must allow ourselves to **FEEL** the **THIRST** created by our **PAST**!

We must **ACKNOWLEDGE** our **WEAKNESSES** and then
CLING TO HIM for the **GRACE** to **FUNCTION "IN-SPITE-OF" THEM!**

A Declaration of **THIRST** is an **INVITATION** for **GOD** to **QUENCH YOUR THIRST!**