



## Scripture for the week of August 15: John 4:10-30

“ 10 Jesus answered her, ‘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.’ 11 ‘Sir,’ the woman said, ‘you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? 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 livestock?’ 13 Jesus answered, ‘Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.’ 15 The woman said to him, ‘Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.’ 16 He told her, ‘Go, call your husband and come back.’ 17 ‘I have no husband,’ she replied. Jesus said to her, ‘You are right when you say you have no husband. 18 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.’ 19 ‘Sir,’ the woman said, ‘I can see that you are a prophet. 20 Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.’ 21 ‘Woman,’ Jesus replied, ‘believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22 You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. 24 God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.’ 25 The woman said, ‘I know that Messiah’ (called Christ) ‘is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.’ 26 Then Jesus declared, ‘I, the one speaking to you—I am he.’ 27 Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, ‘What do you want?’ or ‘Why are you talking with her?’ 28 Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, 29 ‘Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?’ 30 They came out of the town and made their way toward him.”

### Sunday, August 15:

**Action:** Read above Scripture slowly (even if it is very familiar to you).

**Questions to Ponder:** What stood out for you as you read this Scripture? What do you hope to be reminded of as you focus on this Scripture this week? Are you willing to ponder what it means to worship God this week?

**Prayer:** Lord, when I go to church on Sunday, I call that Worship. But this week I believe You want to show me what it really means to Worship You. Open my eyes and heart to what You desire to speak to me so that I will understand that Worship is more than attending church on Sunday morning.

### Monday, August 16:

**Action:** Read John 4:10-12: “ 10 Jesus answered her, ‘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.’ 11 ‘Sir,’ the woman said, ‘you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? 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 livestock?’”

**Questions to Ponder:** Did you know that Jesus is talking to a Samaritan, who is usually ignored by Jews? Do you recognize that Jesus’ care for this women took precedence over what others might say? What does “living water” mean to you? When you hear Jesus speak to you, are you curious enough to ask what He truly means?

**Prayer:** Jesus, show me this week what living water is. I want to receive this as the gift of God that was meant for me. I also want to be more curious about what You are saying when You speak to me so that I will question exactly what it means. Thank You that You desire that kind of relationship with me.

### Tuesday, August 17:

**Action:** Read John 4:13-15: “13 Jesus answered, ‘Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.’ 15 The woman said to him, ‘Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.’”

**Questions to Ponder:** Do you want what Jesus is giving but still aren't clear what He is revealing to You? Don't you want the water that Jesus is offering to you? Doesn't it make you want to understand completely what "living water" is?

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, I want all that You have for me whether I completely understand it or not. Please forgive us for the times we question what You want to do in and around us which might leave us frozen in place because we do not fully understand and we end up doing nothing.

### **Wednesday, August 18:**

**Action:** Read John 14:16-19: "16 He told her, 'Go, call your husband and come back.' 17 'I have no husband,' she replied. Jesus said to her, 'You are right when you say you have no husband. 18 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.' 19 'Sir,' the woman said, 'I can see that you are a prophet.'"

**Questions to Ponder:** Do you see how Jesus gently pursues the heart of the matter with this woman? Do you believe that Jesus desires to do that with you too? How do you think He will accomplish this in your life? Do you think spending more time with Him in quiet and prayer would help with this?

**Prayer:** Jesus, I desire for You to gently remind me when I am sinning against You. Help me to be more attentive to Your voice so that I too can understand what it means to receive living water. Help me to accept the forgiveness that You so freely offer.

### **Thursday, August 19:**

**Action:** Read John 14:20-24: "20 Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.' 21 'Woman,' Jesus replied, 'believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22 You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. 24 God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.'"

**Questions to Ponder:** Do you see the kind of worshiper the Father seeks? Do you know what it means to worship the Father in Spirit and in Truth? When you worship, can you feel your Spirit connecting with God's Spirit? Don't you think it is important to be truthful with yourself before you go to God about His truth?

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, show me how to better worship You in Spirit and in Truth. Teach me how to allow my Spirit to connect with God's Spirit so that I can be more like You. I desire to feel connected to You in every way possible.

### **Friday, August 20:**

**Action:** Read John 14:25-27: "25 The woman said, 'I know that Messiah' (called Christ) 'is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.' 26 Then Jesus declared, 'I, the one speaking to you—I am he.' 27 Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, 'What do you want?' or 'Why are you talking with her?'"

**Questions to Ponder:** Do you now understand that Living Water is Jesus Himself? How well do you understand the things that Jesus is speaking to you? If you struggle, do you take the time to understand or do you just move on? Don't you think that Jesus desires for you to understand all that He is speaking?

**Prayer:** Lord, reveal Your truth to me constantly. I want to better understand Your word and what You are speaking to me. Then, encourage me to be obedient to what You are saying even if it seems difficult or something I don't totally understand.

### **Saturday, August 21:**

**Action:** Read John 14:28-30: "28 Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, 29 'Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?' 30 They came out of the town and made their way toward him."

**Questions to Ponder:** How well do you do at telling others about what Jesus has done in your life? Do you feel that Christ has made Himself known to you? Isn't this something to share with others?

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, continue to reveal Yourself to me. Help me to be so excited as to what You are doing in my life that I want to share it with others. Let me be a light in a world that keeps changing so that others will never forget that You are here in the midst of all that we are walking through.