

***From Thirsty to Overflowing* — Pastor Carolyn Shuttlesworth**
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A 5 Day devotional on The Samaritan Woman:

Theme: Jesus meets our deepest needs and empowers us to be His witnesses

Key Verse: “But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. *It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them*, giving them eternal life.” – John 4:14 (NLT)

Day 1: A Divine Appointment

Scripture: “Eventually he came to the Samaritan village of Sychar... Jacob’s well was there; and Jesus, tired from the long walk, sat wearily beside the well... Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, ‘Please give me a drink.’” – John 4:5–7 (NLT)

Devotional Thought:

Jesus intentionally went through Samaria to meet her. Jesus will always make the appointment to meet with you. No cancellations or moved dates. **What seemed like an ordinary day turned into a life-changing encounter.** There doesn’t have to be a certain setup, for example: wait until church, prayer closet, or in a crisis situation. Jesus meets us right where we are, even in the places we least expect. He knows your needs and desires and he cares. You can set that divine appointment with prayer in your car on the way to the store.

Reflection Question:

Do I recognize that Jesus seeks me out in the ordinary routines of my day? What are some places I think that the Lord can meet me? I won’t box in my thoughts to restrict a divine appointment.

Prayer:

Jesus, thank you that you pursue me with love. You seek me out to help me. You seek me out in the middle of my daily routines. Thank you for always remaining near to me.

Day 2: A Source That Never Fails

Scripture: “Jesus replied, ‘Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again.’” – John 4:13–14 (NLT)

Devotional Thought:

Her day may have looked the same in her eyes. Going to the well to get water may have been a normal routine of her daily chores. But that one day was difference. **The woman came for**

physical water, but Jesus offered her living water for her soul. Our deepest needs can't be met by people, possessions, or achievements—only by Jesus. Sometimes have you sought out other ways to satisfy your needs? It doesn't have to be a sinful thing either.

Reflection Question:

What “wells” am I going to that can never truly satisfy? Do I seek approval from others? Do I shop and spend money unwisely to feel better? Do I get involved with hobbies to fill time and keep myself busy rather than time with the Lord?

Prayer:

Jesus, fill me with your living water today. Be the source that sustains me! I can't live without you.

Day 3: Facing the Truth

Scripture: *“Jesus said, ‘Go and get your husband.’ ‘I don’t have a husband,’ the woman replied. Jesus said, ‘You’re right! You don’t have a husband— for you have had five husbands, and you aren’t even married to the man you’re living with now.’”* – John 4:16–18 (NLT)

Devotional Thought:

Sometimes we feel like we can “hide” things but not saying them or showing them. Jesus sees all and knows all. Jesus lovingly confronted her reality, not to shame her, but to heal her. **Correction and the conviction of the Holy Spirit sets us up for victory not failure.** Not to hurt our feelings but to pull things out of us that doesn't belong. Things that can weigh us down and plug up our faith. He already knew her past, yet He still offered her grace. Jesus meets us in truth and love. Thank God that he does!!!

Reflection Question:

Am I willing to let Jesus expose the places of pain or sin in my life so He can bring healing? Can I be teachable so I can grow and move forward in Christ? Do I hide my insecurities from the Lord?

Prayer:

Lord, thank you that you see all of me—the good, the bad, and the ugly—and still invite me to wholeness. You care so much for me. Thank you for loving me unconditionally so I can represent you and so I can love like you.

Day 4: Be a True Worshiper

Scripture: *“But the time is coming—indeed it’s here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way.”*
– John 4:23 (NLT)

Devotional Thought:

The conversation shifted from her past to worship. **Jesus revealed that true worship isn’t about a place but about the heart.** Rivers of life flow from the heart. (John 7:38-39). God desires authenticity—spirit and truth. The rivers represent the Holy Spirit’s presence, guidance, and the abundance of spiritual life that we receive and share with others.

Reflection Question:

Do I worship God out of routine, or from a sincere heart of love and truth? What does my worship life look like? Only on Sunday? Or is it a lifestyle?

Prayer:

Jesus, I worship you with authenticity—in spirit and in truth—every day. The gift of eternal life along with the benefits package I will never take for granted

Day 5: A Bold Witness

Scripture: *“The woman left her water jar beside the well and ran back to the village, telling everyone, ‘Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could he possibly be the Messiah?’”* – John 4:28–29 (NLT)

Devotional Thought:

She came to the well with shame, but left with a testimony. Jesus transformed her into one of the first evangelists, and many believed because of her witness. **When Jesus fills us, our lives overflow into others.** We can’t help but be bold soul winners for Jesus. We can take a stand unashamed!

Reflection Question:

What story of God’s work in my life can I share with others this week?

Prayer:

Jesus, make me bold to share what you’ve done in my life so others can experience your living water too. I am the greatest thing they will see of who you are. I am a light in a dark place. I will be bolder than ever!