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WARM UP QUESTIONS: When did you last offer someone a nice cold glass of water on a hot day?

READ: John 4:5-42

FOCUS: Receiving the gift of salvation and sharing the testimony of salvation.

OBSERVE:

- As believers in Christ, we often rely on traditions or others to help shape our relationship with Christ instead of devoting time with Jesus through active prayer, fasting and reading God's word.
- It is understandable why many of us may experience unworthiness or feel disqualified when sharing the Gospel. However, what Jesus articulates for us is the power of one's testimony. The Samaritan woman's testimony caused others to seek the living water. Note: v.14 "...the water I give shall be in him a well of water springing up..."
- The sense of urgency from the woman to go and share her testimony is a bit reminiscent. Most believers can remember the feeling they felt when they received the Gospel's good news. It likely seemed as though a surge of excitement was bottled up, eagerly awaiting the first opportunity out! Similar to the spring of water that Jesus promised the Samaritan woman. She had to share about the goodness of Jesus Christ. She was clothed in His identity and not the identity of her past.
- Jesus has come to share his life with us, to give us a new identity. He has partnered with us to be a part of his body and for us to share his gift of salvation with everyone. Millions of people are lost, broken, struggling to find peace and longing to quench their thirst. We must become selfless and put aside our own needs for the needs of others.

REFLECT:

- Imagine being on a battlefield. You have been severely wounded. As you crawl, crying for help, you see many others who have been severely wounded. Christ has heard your crying and seen your pain. He picks you up, wipes your tears and heals you. He clothes you in His image and gives you infinite first-aid kits. Would you go back to the battlefield and share your first-aid kits? This is the call; we have all made mistakes and are all broken. It is Christ that makes us whole. When we accept Christ into our lives, the character of Christ desires to be reflected within our actions.

TAKING ACTION:

- Let us challenge ourselves to become less concerned about our needs and go back for those still wounded and alive on the battlefield. Christ denied his hunger and thirst to bring salvation to a woman filled with shame and hurt. He heard her cry, just like he heard yours!

PRAY: *Father God, thank you for hearing my cry in the wilderness and sending your Son to save me. Others may find me undeserving, but you saw me as Your child, spared my life and clothed me in the garment of your Son. Father, may you allow the spring of water to overflow within me. Holy Spirit, may You lead me to others within the wilderness. May the testimony of Your goodness provide healing to those You lead me to. In Jesus' name, Amen!*