The Preacher’s Wife

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**God says, “I Thirst”**

John 4:20-24 is a *very* familiar scripture to us. The story of the “Woman at the Well.” We know Jesus meets her at Jacobs well. He “must needs” to go through Samaria. Samaria was an unsightly place to be with unclean people in it according to the Jews in that day, but Jesus HAD to go.

Verses 23-24 “But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

“God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”

I want you to re-read those verses and then look again at *where* Jesus chooses to be, waiting for the woman.

Jesus speaks to the woman about that “water.” Oh, the water He had for her! Did you know we *have* to have water to sustain life? Our bodies are 70% water. When God spoke in Genesis, the first thing we ever see mentioned is water. Chapter one, verse 2 says, “and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.” The deep: there *is* Water! We need water. We thirst for that we are. We dehydrate if we don’t get what we are.

You know, sooner or later, we are *all* coming to the well. The builder, the rich, poor, young, old, shepherds, sheep—sooner or later we all have to have water. It is the common denominator. Isn’t it just like Jesus to meet us at the one place where He knows we ALL will wind up eventually? He wasn’t sitting in a Temple or Synagogue waiting to be seen as a highly deemed priest. No, He was sitting at the well, waiting.

You can go a long time working and be so intent on what you’re doing that you actually loose site of just how thirsty you really are. When you come to recognize your thirst, nothing will do, but that water. Nothing will satisfy, save the water. But if you look at the first words out of Jesus’ mouth to her, he speaks to her about *his* thirst.

“I thirst.”

What is God’s thirst? What is He thirsting for? Look again at verse 24. “God is a Spirit.” Praise His Holy name!!! Jesus wasn’t thirsty for mere water. He was thirsting for her *SPIRIT.* **For you thirst for what you are.** Oh, my do I ever Praise His name for teaching me this. Hallelujah!

She looks around, tries to figure out why He’s even talking to her. Notices He has nothing to draw water out with. The conversation continues and Jesus tells her about living water. She humbly says, “Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.” She was tired of coming there every day, day in and day out and at a bad time of day to avoid people to boot.

Then Jesus goes even deeper and tells her something “secret”. Reveals to her that she has five husbands! How did he know that? The Word!!! The Word of God just doesn’t reveal God. It reveals YOU! It helps you to see yourself. Just exactly where you are in your relationship with God. Are you high minded, prideful, vain, spiteful, arrogant…..it will reveal that too.

In the end of this story, Jesus has talked to her about the well, the water and the Word. Was it the well she went back telling the Samaritan people about? No. Was it the water? No. It was THE WORD that stood out to her!!! As soon as she got back, she started her discipleship!!! “Come see a man!!!” “Come see a man!!!”

Now, there’s one more point I have to make on “I thirst.” John 19:28, Jesus, our ever-loving Savior was on the Cross and he said…. “I thirst.” Well, Glory…. You thirst for that you are. God, the Ancient of Days, the All-knowing, all powerful, Omnipotent God is thirsting for your Spirit to commune with His. He’s *seeking* you. He was seeking Adam while they were hiding in the garden. He was seeking you on the Cross while He was hanging. “I thirst.”

Think about all this shut down…. Stores closed, no ball games, or sporting events, social events…. sending us all to our homes…. He’s looking for you. He’s thirsting for you.

I Love you all,

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