

What Are You Hungry For?

John 4:31-34 (MSG) In the meantime, the disciples pressed him, "Rabbi, eat. Aren't you going to eat?" He told them, "I have food to eat you know nothing about." The disciples were puzzled. "Who could have brought him food?" Jesus said, "The food that keeps me going is that I do the will of the One who sent me, finishing the work he started.

- v. 4 – And he must needs go through Samaria.
- v. 8 – (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.)
- v. 6 – And it was about the sixth hour [noon].
- The disciples obviously crossed paths with the Samaritan woman, but all they saw was a woman carrying an empty water pot. They could probably guess why she was going to the well in the heat of the day instead of going when all the other women went.
- Her burden was much heavier than just a large clay jar; her life was completely weighed down by sin. And her soul was much emptier than her unfilled water pot; she was completely alone. You've heard of the Good Samaritan? This was the Bad Samaritan!
- Loneliness is not the state of having no one, but the state of having no one like minded in your life.
- She passed twelve professional Christians on the road and they didn't even give her the time of day. After all, they were on their way to get Jesus something to eat!
- She was used to rejection from men, probably anticipated it – after all, she was on relationship # 6 at least! She shows her bitterness and deep hurt in her first response to Jesus:
- v. 9 – How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans. (literally, "ask no favors from" or "use no vessels in common with")
- v. 10 – If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.
- **LIVING WATER** was a significant concept for the Jews ...
- **Jeremiah 2:13** For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.
- **Zechariah 14:8** And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be.

- **Ezekiel 47:9** And it shall come to pass, that every thing that liveth, which moveth, whithersoever the rivers shall come, shall live: and there shall be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come thither: for they shall be healed; and every thing shall live whither the river cometh.
- **Ezekiel 36:25-27** Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.
- **Isaiah 1:16, 18** Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil ... Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.
- **Isaiah 44:3** For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring:
- **Isaiah 28:11** For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.
- **Isaiah 12:3** Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.
- v. 13-14 – Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.
- **WHAT WAS JESUS TALKING ABOUT?**
- **John 7:37-39** In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)
- **HOW DO YOU GET THIS LIVING WATER?**
- v. 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. (*that's what Jesus was hungry for – a worship encounter with someone!*)

- **WORSHIP ALWAYS LEADS TO REVELATION!**
- v. 26 – I that speak unto thee am [he].
- The disciples arrived back just at the end of this conversation, but they didn't have a clue what was going on!
- “We brought you some food, Lord.”
- “I have food to eat that you know nothing about.”
- “What did you eat?”
- “I just had a worship encounter with that woman.”
- We don't know if Jesus ever got his drink, but we do know that the woman hastily left her heavy water pot and ran to the city to tell everyone about Jesus! Her jar may have still been empty, but her soul was full of LIVING WATER!
- Twelve professional Christians went into the city and didn't say a word about Jesus. Twelve professional Christians had hung out with Jesus a long time, but still didn't bring him the right thing to eat!
- One Samaritan woman got a little glimpse of who Jesus was and it changed her life forever – she became a “witnessing machine!”
- v. 39 – And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman
- Have you ever gone away from a service thinking, “I've been fed, I've been blessed”? Here's a better question: Has GOD ever gone away from a service where you were a worshipper thinking, “I've been fed. I've been blessed”?
- **GOD STILL HAS THIS FUNNY IDEA THAT CHURCH SHOULD BE ALL ABOUT HIM!**