



*Faith in God  
includes faith  
in His timing*  
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Sunday School Lesson: Helping A Friend In Need

Scripture: Luke 5:17-26

# The Weekly Compass

## Jesus Provides Living Water

<sup>4</sup>And he had to pass through Samaria. <sup>5</sup>So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. <sup>7</sup>A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup>(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." <sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true."

### Prayer:

*Dear Father, our Lord in heaven, thank you for waking us up this morning and giving us the activity of our limbs. Lord, please forgive our sins of commission and sins of omission. Thank you, Lord, for giving us a drink from Your fountain of living waters so that we may never thirst again. O' God, thank you for saving us, in Jesus' name, Amen!*

## Unifying Topic: Faith of Four Friends

**Main Thought:** *And, behold, men brought in a bed a man which was taken with a palsy; and they sought means to bring him in, and to lay him before him. And when they went upon the housetop, and let him down through the tiling with his couch into the midst before Jesus.*

## Give Me A Drink Of Living Water

Physical thirst is triggered when fluid levels fall below the desired threshold levels for our organs to function properly. Likewise, our spiritual thirst is triggered when our soul desires God's fellowship. Scripture states, "... so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God..." (Psalm 42:1b-2a ESV). In our text the woman asks Jesus for a drink of living water so she wouldn't have to come to the well anymore (vs.15). We often try to quench a physical thirst when we really need Living Water!

Faith is the key to accessing the fountain of Living Water. We must never deny ourselves spiritual fellowship with God, nor try to satisfy our own thirst. Jeremiah states, "for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water" (Jeremiah 2:13 ESV).

Finally, like the woman in our text, if you want to be satisfied, ask the Messiah for a drink of Living Water. Matthew records, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied" (Matthew 5:6 ESV). Give me a Drink of Living Water!

### Questions:

1. What did Jesus mean by 'living water'?
2. Why did this woman show up at the well at noon?