

An Awesome Word:

2 Tim 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is inspired by God and is **useful to teach us** what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.

17 God uses it to prepare and equip **his people to do every good work.**

1. **Jesus knew the Pharisees had heard** that he was baptizing and making more disciples than John² (though Jesus himself didn't baptize them—his disciples did).³ So he left Judea and returned to Galilee.
4 **He had to go through Samaria on the way.**⁵ Eventually he came to the Samaritan village of Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.⁶ Jacob's well was there; **and Jesus, tired from the long walk, sat wearily beside the well about noontime.**

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The more I read of John, the more love and grace and forgiveness and compassion I see from Jesus. The more I read, I sense in my Spirit that I need to be more mindful to share the Love of Jesus and be bold enough and sensitive enough, to share Jesus in an effort to win souls to Him. You find yourself looking at people differently, you wonder about their souls when you look at them now; beware not to look and judge, but pray for compassion and discernment to minister as the Holy Spirit leads us. I will get tested on this today, prepare my heart and give me boldness Father!

Jesus "knew" the Pharisees - He knew the intent and thoughts of their very hearts; "so or therefore" because of this, and the jealousy and discord they were trying to get started among the people, Jesus left from them and headed to His next God assignment, to win lost souls and show His powerful and awesome forgiveness, the example we need so desperately in our lives.

The scriptures tells us Jesus grew tired and took time out to rest. He was man but God at the same time, the scripture constantly reminds us of this. We grow tired in well doing and service at times and we need "time out" a resting and even at certain times a sort of a sabbatical from serving. This is in no way my way of saying quit! (Don't forget to read and hang onto all those wonderful verses that help and encourage us to persevere and not grow weary in our well doing).

Anyone that has a true heart for serving God, be it in ministry or just your daily Christ Like walk in a dark world, God knows there are valleys and peak, or mountain tops involved. There are also times we need a "new fresh wind in our sails/hearts". When that time happens, God will give you peace about it and I believe, even some confirmation from the Word and others it's ok to take a break, **just don't "stay there" longer than you're supposed to.**

On another note, I want to make myself very clear here. When you do "rest or sit for a spell", this is not the time you literally stop church, studying or growing in God's Word. **This is the time you "get into the Word" study and build a closer relationship with your Father.** Listen for what He and the Holy Spirit within in you wants you to hear. Accept the healing process He may want for you, in your heart and soul. I know, personally, I had a time "off" from ministry for a season, and during that time, God did "a lot" of healing in my heart and I didn't even realize how much, until "afterwards" and I had new ministry doors open for me. I saw a difference in my attitude and heart about a lot of things after this season, praise God! The Joy of the Lord is my strength! Keep a Thankful Heart and Attitude and live the Good Life.

Believers Bible Commentary:

The Pharisees had heard that Jesus was baptizing more disciples than John and that John's popularity was evidently declining. Perhaps they had attempted to use this fact to stir up jealousy and contention between the disciples of John and those of the Lord Jesus. Actually, Jesus Himself did not perform the act of baptism. This was done by His disciples. However, **the people were baptized as followers or disciples of the Lord.**

By leaving Judea and journeying to Galilee, Jesus would prevent the Pharisees from being successful in their efforts to cause divisions. But there is something else of significance in this verse. Judea was the headquarters of the Jewish religious establishment, whereas Galilee was known as a heavily Gentile region. The Lord Jesus realized that the Jewish leaders were already rejecting Him and His testimony, and so here He turns to the Gentile people with the message of salvation. There was a needy soul in Samaria He could help.

It was about noon or 6:00 pm Roman time when Jesus reached the well. He was weary as a result of the long walk He had had, and so He sat down by the well. Although Jesus is God the Son, He is also a Man. As God, He could never become weary, but as Man, He did. We find difficulty in understanding these things. But the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ can never be fully understood by any mortal mind. The truth that God could come down into a world and live as a Man among men is a mystery which passes our understanding.

7 Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Please give me a drink." 8 He was alone at the time because his disciples had gone into the village to buy some food.9 The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?"10 Jesus replied, "If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water." 11 "But sir, you don't have a rope or a bucket," she said, "and this well is very deep. Where would you get this living water?12 And besides, do you think you're greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us this well? How can you offer better water than he and his sons and his animals enjoyed?"

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How did the woman know Jesus was a Jew? When a person is lost and doesn't know Jesus, they don't understand what Jesus is saying, (nor the parables He speaks of in the Bible). This woman had no idea she was talking to the Son of God, Jesus!

We can go to church every Sunday and even attend several Bible studies and read all kinds of books, but if we don't know Jesus as our Personal Savior, we won't really "get it" or totally understand what God really wants for us. I suppose sharing this comes from my heart so often, because I was one of those "religious people" who went to church for years and I was pretty self righteous and "performed" godly acts on the outside, but on the inside I was dead, I would not have gone to heaven if I had died.

Something comes to my mind as I sit here sharing with you today; a time I when I was about 19 years of age and I had given a large bible to someone I had cared for a lot. Best I remember, I placed it on their door step at night when no one was around. I felt pretty proud of myself for "sharing the bible" and thinking in my mind, somehow the bible was going to convict and speak to them. How ridiculous is that? A bible left on someone's steps after dark isn't going to say much, especially when my lifestyle did not match anything that it said. I really meant well, I did not realize a lot of the things I did were really pious actions, and I never won anyone to Jesus during those years (I was not saved that's why). It was about two weeks later, that I woke up one snowing morning to find the bible had been placed back on my door step.

You know, God was watching over me for many years prior my salvation. I look back at all the times that I really meant well regarding my actions, but when I gave my heart to Jesus, I had to give Him all my so called "good works" I had been doing. I remember like it was yesterday, when Jesus showed me I was lost and going to hell and I needed Him to come into my heart. Satan was mad! He did not want to lose a soul that he had blinded for so many years to the Truth, Salvation, Jesus. WOW, what else can I say, but, THANK YOU JESUS FOR OPENING MY EYES AND HEART AND FOR SAVING AND KEEPING ME!!! Thank you for your forgiveness and patience.

Believers Bible Commentary:

In this passage (vs. 7), we find the master Soul Winner at work, and we do well to study the methods He used to bring this woman to a sense of her need and to offer her the solution to her problem. Our Lord spoke to the woman just seven times. the woman spoke seven times also; six times to the Lord and once to the men of the city. Perhaps if we spoke to the Lord as much as she did, we might have the success in testimony that she had when she spoke to the men of the city. **Jesus opened the conversation by asking a favor.** Wearied with His journey, He said to her, "Give me a drink".

The woman recognized Jesus as a Jew and was amazed that He would speak to her, a Samaritan. The Samaritans were of mixed Jewish heathen descent. The Jews had a deep dislike for the Samaritans. They considered them half-breeds. That is why this woman said to the Lord Jesus, "How is it that You being a Jew ask a drink from me a Samaritan woman?" Little did she realize that she was speaking with her own Creator, and that His love rose above all the petty distinctions of men.

John 4:13-15

13 Jesus replied, "Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. 14 **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.**" 15 "Please, sir," **the woman said, "give me this water! Then I'll never be thirsty again, and I won't have to come here to get water."**

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The water from the well is life sustaining, we all have to have water on a daily basis to keep our bodies going. Jesus was telling the woman at the well, that anyone that drank from that water, would always be thirsty for more. But Jesus was talking about the **"Living Water"** about **Himself**, **but the woman did not understand this.**

When we receive Jesus Christ as our personal Savior, we have "eternal life", we don't have to keep going back for daily salvation, we don't have to be "born again", we do this one time (beware of some teaching that will make you believe being born again, happens more than once because of the sinful nature we deal with, you cannot lose your salvation!)

After we receive Jesus into our hearts, the Holy Spirit of God comes to abide/live within us, we literally have Jesus with us at "all times". Then He says that having Him in us will give us (the Living Water-Jesus) **a fresh, bubbling spring** . When you get saved, there will be a change in your heart and life. You receive God's forgiveness for "all" your sins, and God forgets them (satan will oftentimes remind you of them, use the word of God against Him, he can't stand it!)

The "fresh, bubbling spring" comes up when you continue to spend time with Jesus, get to know Him and fellowship with Him. The more of Him you receive through knowing His Word, and learning how much He loves you and what He wants for you, (your heart has to be open to obedience to what He tells you) the more your heart will be filled and overflowing with joy and peace.

You come back to the "Living Water" on a daily basis, drink daily, learn daily, pray daily, receive new and fresh direction and encouragement every day. You **will become** (it's a process, step by step) contagious and others will want some of the **"fresh bubbling overflow"** seen in your life. If people don't want what you have, they will probably wonder where and why you act the way you do, maybe they will get curious enough to ask you why you're so happy all the time, "open door" to tell them about Jesus!

Believers Bible Commentary:

So the Lord began to explain the difference between the literal water of Jacob's well and the water which He would give. Whoever drank of this water would thirst again. Surely the Samaritan woman could understand this. She had been coming out day after day to draw from the well; yet the need was never completely met. And so it is with all the wells in this world. Men seek their pleasure and satisfaction in earthly things, but these things are not able to quench the thirst of the heart of man.

The water which Jesus gives truly satisfies. Whoever drinks of Christ's blessings and mercies will never thirst again. Not only do His benefits fill the heart, but they overflow it as well. They are like a bubbling fountain, constantly overflowing not only in this life, but in eternity as well.

All that earth can provide is not sufficient to fill the human heart. But the blessings which Christ provides not only fill the heart, but they are too great for any heart to contain. When the woman heard of this marvelous water, she immediately wanted to have it. But she was still thinking of literal water. She did not realize that the water of which the Lord Jesus had been speaking was spiritual, that He was referring to all the blessings which come to a human soul through faith in Him.

John 4:16-20

16 "Go and get your husband," Jesus told her. **17 "I don't have a husband,"** the woman replied. Jesus said, "You're right! You don't have a husband— **18 for you have had five husbands, and you aren't even married to the man you're living with now. You certainly spoke the truth!"** **19 "Sir," the woman said, "you must be a prophet.** **20** So tell me, why is it that you Jews insist that Jerusalem is **the only place of worship,** while we Samaritans claim it is here at Mount Gerizim, where our ancestors worshiped?"

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Worship is from the heart, not the place.

John 4:21-23

21 Jesus replied, "Believe me, dear woman, the time is coming when it will no longer matter whether you worship the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem. 22 You Samaritans know very little about the one you worship, while we Jews know all about him, for salvation comes through the Jews. 23 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 4:24-26

24 For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth." 25 The woman said, "I know the Messiah is coming—the one who is called Christ. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."26 Then Jesus told her, "I AM the Messiah!"

John 4:27-29

27 Just then his disciples came back. They were shocked to find him talking to a woman, but none of them had the nerve to ask, "What do you want with her?" or "Why are you talking to her?"²⁸ The woman left her water jar beside the well and ran back to the village, telling everyone,²⁹ "Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could he possibly be the Messiah?"

John 4:30-34

30 So the people came streaming from the village to see him.31 Meanwhile, the disciples were urging Jesus, "Rabbi, eat something."32 But Jesus replied, "I have a kind of food you know nothing about." 33 "Did someone bring him food while we were gone?" the disciples asked each other.34 Then Jesus explained: "My nourishment comes from doing the will of God, who sent me, and from finishing his work.

John 4:35-36

35 You know the saying, 'Four months between planting and harvest.' But I say, wake up and look around. The fields are already ripe for harvest. 36 The harvesters are paid good wages, and the fruit they harvest is people brought to eternal life. What joy awaits both the planter and the harvester alike!

John 4:37-38

37 You know the saying, 'One plants and another harvests.' And it's true. 38 I sent you to harvest where you didn't plant; others had already done the work, and now you will get to gather the harvest." Many Samaritans Believe

John 4:39-42

39 Many Samaritans from the village believed in Jesus because the woman had said, "He told me everything I ever did!"⁴⁰ When they came out to see him, they begged him to stay in their village. So he stayed for two days,⁴¹ long enough for many more to hear his message and believe.⁴² Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not just because of what you told us, but because we have heard him ourselves. Now we know that he is indeed the Savior of the world."

John 4:43-45

Jesus Heals an Official's Son 43 At the end of the two days, Jesus went on to Galilee.⁴⁴ He himself had said that a prophet is not honored in his own hometown.⁴⁵ Yet the Galileans welcomed him, for they had been in Jerusalem at the Passover celebration and had seen everything he did there.

John 4:46-54

46 As he traveled through Galilee, he came to Cana, where he had turned the water into wine. There was a government official in nearby Capernaum whose son was very sick.47 When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went and begged Jesus to come to Capernaum to heal his son, who was about to die.48 Jesus asked, "Will you never believe in me unless you see miraculous signs and wonders?" 49 The official pleaded, "Lord, please come now before my little boy dies."50 Then Jesus told him, "Go back home. Your son will live!" And the man believed what Jesus said and started home.51 While the man was on his way, some of his servants met him with the news that his son was alive and well.52 He asked them when the boy had begun to get better, and they replied, "Yesterday afternoon at one o'clock his fever suddenly disappeared!"53 Then the father realized that that was the very time Jesus had told him, "Your son will live." And he and his entire household believed in Jesus.54 This was the second miraculous sign Jesus did in Galilee after coming from Judea.

