



"Give me a drink"

Water and light are essential for the survival of all known forms of life. Even Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, got thirsty. The story of Him meeting the Samaritan woman at the well in the Gospel of John is one of my favorites. In this episode we find Jesus, physically tired from a long journey, asking a Samaritan woman who had come to draw water from Jacob's well, to give Him a drink. He then turns His own request into a revolutionary statement:

"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." John 4:10

Jesus poses a new paradigm in response to the issue of thirst.

"...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." John 4:14

Jesus isn't talking about satisfying physical thirst; He's going directly to the deepest need of every human being, and offering spiritual life. This life is the very presence of God, which comes to dwell in those who will receive it. He transforms us from the inside out, so that our very being becomes a spring of life. When the True Light comes into our lives, everything changes.

All of us are thirsty for this real, refreshing, 100 % satisfying, ever-lasting life. Even though we try to satisfy our physical, emotional, and spiritual longings with shadowy substitutes, we're always left thirsting for the real thing. Only Jesus Christ can satisfy our thirst with Living Water, and fill us up from a well that never runs dry.

This series of photographs is a short reflection on my experience of this truth. From the Desert, to the River, to Restoration, it's my story of God's faithfulness. Through it I hope to show a bit of what it's like to know how thirsty one can be, and how God is faithful to fill that need to overflowing. It also speaks of how the light of Christ has dawned in my life again.

Jesus is making the same offer to us today as He did to the Samaritan woman thousands of years ago. He wants to freely give us the water of life that quenches our deepest thirst.

The question is, are you thirsty? Will you come and drink?



*"And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let
the one who is thirsty come;
let the one who desires take the water of life
without price.*

Revelation 22:17



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