



Monthly Devotionals

May

God's Gravitas

as Father

John 4: 1-42

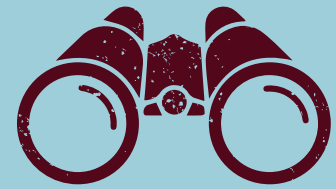
Continuing with our focus on God's gravitas, we turn to God's power as a father. How have you experienced the fatherly love of God? We learn in Psalm 68 verses 5 and 6, that God is a father to the fatherless. Like a father, He defends His children, disciplines His children, and adores them. Yet quite often, with the throws and entanglements of life, we can miss the fatherly direction of our God. Are we in tune with Him as our father?

Let's turn to John chapter 4 and verses 1 - 42. This is the passage where Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at the well.



John 4: 1-42

What do you see?



For a Jew like Jesus to approach a Samaritan would have been culturally baffling. Do we sometimes feel as if God would never approach us?

In the passage, we see the woman exploring and questioning Jesus. He challenges her: if she knew who was asking, she would be asking *Him* for the living water He can provide. Jesus reveals that He can provide living water and that those who drink it will never go thirsty.

Picture a parent whose child is constantly begging for sugary drinks which are poor for their health. Instead, the parent instructs them to drink mineral water. Which is best for the child? For them to continually indulge in a drink poor for their health or something good for them?

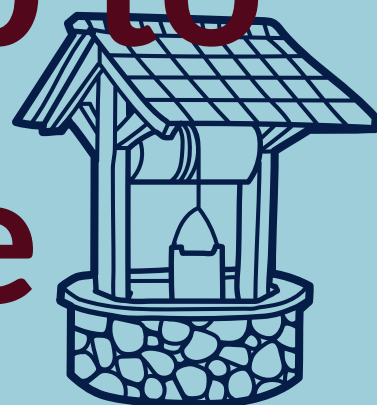
This is the living water - “it will become a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” We read that eternal life is to “know God and Jesus Christ whom you have sent” (John 10). We need the living water of Jesus to know Him and fulfil His plans for us.

Are we inviting God to replenish and grow us through this living water? Or are we seeking the satisfaction of worldly pleasure?

Continuing to focus on what the world offers, without first focusing on God’s Kingdom is like taking a drink that can never quench our thirst. God is the best father because He offers His children water that always satisfies them.

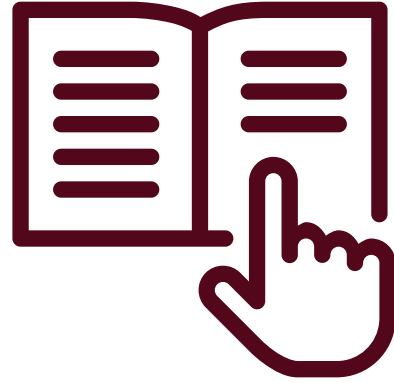
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**Welling up to
eternal life**



Key verses

- 2 Corinthians 1:3-4
- Psalm 103:13
- 1 John 3:1
- Proverbs 3:11-12
- John 14:26
- Matthew 6:26



Prayer Points

In your prayer life, seek God on:

- Which water are you drinking?
- Are you accepting God as the father He longs to be, both through His love and His discipline?
- Take this moment; be still and ask God - what is stopping my access to your living water?