

# **AWARENESS.SKILLS.KNOWLEDGE.**

## **Intergenerational Women's Ministry**

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This month provides an overview of how her

**S**piritual Gifts

**P**ersonality (Presence/Perspective)

**E**xperiences (Positions/Protection)

**C**ares/Passions

**I**nterest

**A**bilities

**L**ife Talents

contributes to her special God-given purpose; equipping her to **minister to all God's children.**



When I preaches, I has just one text to preach from, an' I always preaches from this one. My text is, 'When I found Jesus.'

Sojourner Truth

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**All Women of the Bible by Herbert Lockyer – Woman Of Samaria  
Pages 236-239**

## **AWARENESS**

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*The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink? (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans)." John 4:9 (NIV)*

### **Background**

- Jesus must have needed to go through Samaria from Galilee to Jerusalem.
- While Samaritans and Jews had some things in common, there was racial hatred that kept them apart. (See II Kings 17:21; Ezra 4; Nehemiah 4)
- Jesus spoke of a Samaritan as an alien, healed one of them of leprosy, rebukes two of His disciples for wishing to destroy some of their number with fire from heaven.
- As the omniscient Lord, He knew all about the woman in Samaria and went there to show and teach that He was above all religious and racial prejudices and that true worship consisted of worshipping God in spirit and in truth.
- Necessity brought Jesus to the place where the Samaritan woman lived and the reality of His humanity had Him weary in His work but not of His work.

### **Her Individuality**

- Referred to as "a woman of Samaria" and prominent in this phase is her religious and national position.
- She was poor because she was drawing her own water and ashamed because she visited the well around noon, in the heat of the day, when no one else was around.
- Different from other women who came to Christ as she had no petition and no miracle. Yet she was privileged in that Christ confessed to her that He was indeed the Messiah which He did not usually confess.
- Thus this woman has an individual prominence in that she was among the number who sought Him Not (Isaiah 65:1).
- He offered the woman the unspeakable gift of Himself, relief, not common water but the Well of Everlasting Life.

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### **Her Iniquity**

- What kind of woman, morally, was this Samaritan water-carrier? Jesus was talking with a woman in public which was contrary to Rabbinic precepts. The disciples marveled and concluded He talked to her because she was “only a woman”, she was a Samaritan whom no Jew should be dealing with, and she was a sinner.
- When Jesus found her, she was living with a man who was not her husband and it was assumed she had to know the Pentateuchal law. But He did not expose her sin to others. He wanted her to feel the sense of sin herself. Her life had to be a clean receptacle to hold the living spring, so Jesus revealed the foulness that had to be destroyed and His thrust left its mark.

### **Her Ignorance**

- It is inferred that the woman complied immediately with the thirsty Man's request for a drink of refreshing water.
- The Samaritan woman said to Him, “*You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?*” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) John 9 (NIV) Jesus answered and said unto her, “*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.*” John 4:10 (KJV)
- What she was ignorant of was the fact that she had been coming daily to a deep well of water that had been God's gift of refreshment to man and beast since Jacob's time, yet there was a deeper well of spiritual truth so necessary for man's hidden needs.
- She wanted to know where was the better well than Jacob's from which the “living water” could be secured and her ignorance begins to vanish as she asks Him, “*Art thou greater than Jacob, our ancestor?*”

### **Her Instruction**

- What Jesus supplied was not external water to satisfy the recurring physical need, but an internal and eternal source of unfailing spiritual, life-giving water that was a divine gift and easily reachable.
- As light broke in upon her darkened mind, the woman replied to Christ's teaching, “*Sir, give me this water that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.*”

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- She was still thinking of things in the physical sense and to move her forward He commanded her to go get her husband wanting to get her in the mind of the humility of confession.
- The woman was a sinful person worth saving, but she had to be made conscious of her sin, and when she humbly said, "I have no husband," she became a different woman.
- She was taken up with the place of worship and Jesus sought to teach her that the spirit of worship, worshipping God in spirit and truth, is more important.
- It was to this woman that Jesus revealed the only basis of acceptable worship and also the truth of His Messiahship. How privileged this sinful woman was to hear from the lips of Jesus Himself the divine secret.

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### **Her Influence**

- By the Spirit she immediately became a powerful witness to her remarkable discovery.
- Reaching the city she men who knew her only too well and declared the truth she had learned of Christ's Messiahship.
- She had the passion of an evangelist when she said, "Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?"
- Jesus revealed Himself to the Samaritan woman as living water, a prophet and the Messiah. In the glow of her newborn faith, the woman had to tell others and share with them all she had heard and experienced.

### **BLESSINGS OVERFLOW!!!**

**November 26, 2022 – Martha (pages 86-92) – Luke 10:38-41; John 11; 12:1-3**

**No Session In December – Merry Christmas**

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## **SKILL**

### **Step Twenty-One: Filling**

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**The woman at the well** was not seen as someone worthy of communicating with a Jew. She is set apart, and not in a good way ... The woman perceived Jesus as a prophet because He gently called out her sin and “told me everything I ever did” ([John 4:29](#)). Jesus is sovereign and sees the sin within our hearts ([1 Timothy 5:15](#)). He knows our desires, and yet He still pursues us and loves us ([Romans 3:23](#)). He is not surprised by our evil desires, but rather He seeks to reconcile us to the Father in spite of them ([Hebrews 7:25](#)).

Jesus, the Savior of the world, asks an outcast to help Him indicating the reality: In God's eyes, no one is too far gone; He has a purpose for each of us; He'll never let us be alone; He is always right there.

**The woman at the well** was looking for love in all the wrong places ... Jesus is the living water that we need. When we put our [faith](#) and trust in Him as the Living Water, we can bank on the fact that the well will never run dry ([Psalm 37:4](#)). He will never tire of us. He will never dissatisfy. He will never turn us away. He is the unending source of peace, joy, love, self-control, truth, hope, and satisfaction ([Galatians 5:22-23](#)). Abundant life can only be found in Him ([John 10:10](#)).

**The woman at the well** was trying to fill a void ... She stayed with Jesus long enough to see him. She didn't just gaze over the surface, but she inquired, and she was open to change. Maybe even more important is the fact that Jesus stayed and showed her he had what she had been looking for all along.

**The woman at the well** learned God fills the void ... When the woman believed, she immediately ran off to tell others. **The filling not only filled her longing, but it gave her a new desire to use the energy to go out and live her purpose.** To share the gospel, to become disciples.

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## **KNOWLEDGE**

Dear (insert your name) \_\_\_\_\_;

Today I engaged in a conversation on how God is all that is needed to be full and how God can use me in my womanhood as an Ambassador of Christ and what that means as God moves me from where I am to where He wants me to be. Because of what I heard, shared, learned, witnessed, thought about, I want to remember most

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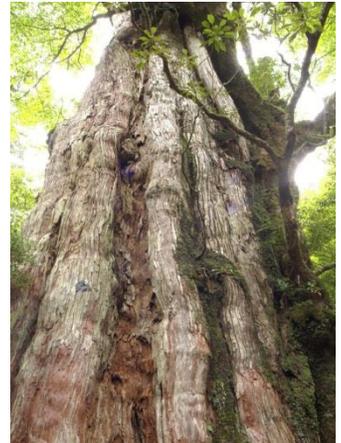
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Blessings Overflow,

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