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*John 4:35 Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. <sup>36</sup> Even now the reaper draws his wages, even now he harvests the crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together.*

*<sup>37</sup> Thus the saying 'One sows and another reaps' is true. <sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor."*

### **Thirst and living water illustrated**

*John 4:28 Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people,*

*<sup>29</sup> "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Christ?"*

*<sup>30</sup> They came out of the town and made their way toward him.*

*John 4:39 Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days.*

*<sup>41</sup> And because of his words many more became believers.*

*<sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world."*

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## Thirst, and Living Water

### Portraits of Jesus—John 4

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## Thirst

### Human thirst

*John 4:7 When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> 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 4:10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the **gift of God** and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you **living water**."*

*John 4:13 "Everyone who drinks this water will be **thirsty again**, [14] but whoever drinks the water I give him will **never thirst**. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."*

### Human efforts to quench thirst

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John 4:16 He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

"There are two revelations in Christianity; there is the revelation of God and the revelation of ourselves. No man ever really sees himself until he sees himself in the presence of Christ; and then he is appalled at the sight of himself... Christianity begins with the sudden realization that life as we are living it will not do. We awake to ourselves and we awake to our need of God." - William Barclay

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- c. Assumption #3: The p\_\_\_\_\_ and e\_\_\_\_\_are all I need to quench my thirst.

John 4:17 "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. [18] The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

## Living water

### The remedy (pt 1). Drinking water: relationship with God

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How do these truths change the 3 assumptions?

- a. Assumption #1: I can quench my own thirst.
- b. Assumption #2: God does not play any real role in quenching my thirst.
- c. Assumption #3: The people and events of my life are all I need to quench my thirst.

John 4:23 "... true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. [24] God is Spirit and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth."

### The remedy (pt 2): Dispensing water: relationship with people

#### The hunger and food metaphor

John 4:31 Meanwhile his disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat something." <sup>32</sup> But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you know nothing about." <sup>33</sup> Then his disciples said to each other, "Could someone have brought him food?"

<sup>34</sup> "My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work."