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This story illustrates God's back road of heartache.

- ◆ She became aware of a thirst she could not slake
- ◆ Her heartache was exposed
- ◆ She admitted her heartache to herself
- ◆ She faced her failed attempts to meet her heart's need
- ◆ She saw her sin in all its ugliness
- ◆ That led her through the doorway deeper into her heart, where she discovered in Jesus both the kind of love she was thirsty for and the kind of love she was thirsty to give!
- ◆ She relates to the townspeople, no longer as a failure but with the love of Jesus. (Joy #6)

Heartache exposed-> admitted->doorway deeper into her heart

A love she longs to receive is  
the \_\_\_\_\_love others long to receive.

It will matter more to her the love she has to g\_\_\_\_\_,  
than the human love she longs to r\_\_\_\_\_!

“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

Key: p 1: Heartache. Pouring. P 3: failure. P 4: same; give; receive

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## Heartache

Re-Routing: God's Back Roads to Joy—part 6

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What is Joy?

Definitions of joy: Certainty, Hunger, Belovedness, Glad surrender, Delighted dependence,.

Re-routing:

Re-Routes to Joy: Shattered dreams, Unmet longings, Brokenness, Loss of control, Fallen world.

**Route to Joy #6: H\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Joy definition #6: P\_\_\_\_\_ (the love of Jesus)**

**The Joy of Relating Like God!**

*Romans 5:5 (RSV) ... hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.*

Heartache—>Self-centeredness—>Broken—>Grace  
Tastes of God's love—>Pouring (out His love to others)

*John 17:13 "I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the **full measure of my joy within them.***

*John 17:20 "...I pray ...<sup>21</sup> that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.<sup>22</sup> I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one...*

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*John 17:23 I ...in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.<sup>24</sup> "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.<sup>26</sup> I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."*

### **Internal Thirst**

*John 4:7 When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" 8 (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) 9 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.) 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."*

### **Internal quenching!**

*John 4:11 "Sir, you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it ...?"*

*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."*

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### **Admitting our human need and our inability to meet it.**

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

We will not see our need for what Jesus offers until we see our f to provide what we most need!

### **The backroad of heartache opens her heart to see her deeper need and best opportunities**

*John 4:21 Jesus declared, "Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem."*

*John 4:22 "You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews." (23) "Yet a time is coming and has now come when the 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."*

*John 4:25 (woman) "I know that Messiah (Christ) is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."*

*John 4:26 Then Jesus declared, "I who speak to you am he."*

*John 4:28 ...leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, [29] "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Christ?"*

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