**The Well of Living Water**

A study of John 4:1-42

Session 2

* **Jesus affirms her dignity, not her decisions**
  + How?
    - Common place
    - Common need
    - Common humanity
* **Remember that Jesus is full of grace *and* truth** (John 1:14)
  + Love without truth is sentimentality
  + Truth without love is legalism
* **Jesus is superior to anything else this world offers**
* **Wells throughout Scripture represent Jesus as:**
  + **Savior** (Genesis 16:7, 13-14)
    - Jesus is the God who sees and cares
  + **Bridegroom** (Genesis 24:10-21, 29:1-12, Exodus 2:11-21)
    - Jesus is the God who pursues us
    - Jesus is the God who provides for us
      * He steps into our emptiness and fills it with His superior Spirit
    - Jesus is the God who purifies us
      * He wants His bride and temple pure
      * Holiness doesn’t hamper happiness, it increases it
  + **Redeemer** (Genesis 34:1-7)

*“But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again.   
It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life.” – John 4:14*

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**Reflection Questions**

1. What is the difference between knowing *about* God and *knowing* God?
2. How has this passage shown you that you can affirm a person’s humanity and dignity as an image bearer of God without affirming his/her choices?
3. When was there a time you experienced God seeing and providing for you specifically? Name it and thank Him for it. (see Genesis 16:7, 13-14)
4. Where can Jesus step into your emptiness to fill it? Will you let Him?
5. How does knowing that God’s heart is set on your holiness (purity) affect how you will live your life? (see I Corinthians 6:19-20, 10:31, I Peter 1:16)
6. What is the difference between happiness and joy? (see John 3:29, 3 John 1:4)
7. Are there any areas hampering your holiness before God? If so, how are those area(s) affecting your relationship with Him? Would you confess to the Lord and ask Him to fill you with His eternal, living water? (see John 4:13-14, Romans 10:9-10)