

Sacred Space Living Water

The Gospel of Matthew Series (Including John)

PREPARATION

- ¹ As the deer longs for streams of water, so I long for you, O God.
² **I thirst for God, the living God. When can I go and stand before him?**
³ Day and night I have only tears for food, while my enemies continually taunt me, saying, “Where is this God of yours?” Psalms 42

ADORATION and GRATITUDE

- ¹ O God, you are my God; I earnestly search for you.
My soul thirsts for you; my whole body longs for you in this parched and weary land where there is no water.
² I have seen you in your sanctuary and gazed upon your power and glory.
³ **Your unending love is better than life itself; how I praise you!** Psalms 63

CONFESSION

- ⁵ I remember the days of old. I ponder all your great works and think about what you have done.
⁶ **I lift my hands to you in prayer. I thirst for you as parched land thirsts for rain.**
⁷ **Come quickly, Lord, and answer me, for my depression deepens. Don't turn away from me, or I will die.** Psalms 143

MEDITATION & CONTEMPLATION — John 4

⁵ Eventually he came to the Samaritan village of Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there; and Jesus, tired from the long walk, sat wearily beside the well about noontime. ⁷ Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Please give me a drink.” ⁸ He was alone at the time because his disciples had gone into the village to buy some food.

⁹ The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, “You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?”

¹⁰ Jesus replied, “If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water.”

PRACTICE: IN SOLITUDE OR COMMUNITY

Read	Slowly, several times.
Reflect	How do I relate to this?
Respond	What is my next step of obedience?
Rest	Receive God's healing and renewal.

¹¹ “But sir, you don't have a rope or a bucket,” she said, “and this well is very deep. Where would you get this living water?” ¹² And besides, do you think you're greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us this well? How can you offer better water than he and his sons and his animals enjoyed?”

¹³ Jesus replied, “Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. ¹⁴ 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.”

¹⁵ “Please, sir,” the woman said, “give me this water! Then I'll never be thirsty again, and I won't have to come here to get water.” (Further Reading, 4:16-42)

ANCHORING PRAYER *“Heavenly Father, quench my thirst.”*

REVIEW OF THE HEART

- *What is it that I thirst for the most?*
- *Where am I spiritually parched?*

WISDOM

I took care of you in the wilderness, in that dry and thirsty land. Hosea 13:5

Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. John 6:35b

The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” Let anyone who hears this say, “Come.” Let anyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who desires drink freely from the water of life. Revelation 22:17

TESTIMONY *What is God saying to me?*

INTERCESSION *Prayers for the Church & One Another*

CLOSING PRAYER

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Our souls thirst for you; our whole bodies long for you in this parched and weary land where there is no water.
We have seen you in your sanctuary and gazed upon your power and glory. Your unending love is better than life itself; how we praise you! Amen.
(adapted from Psalms 63:1-3)

SACRED SPACE EVERY DAY

Become still and quiet before God.
Be filled with the Holy Spirit.
Pray for the Sacred Space Community.
Minister from a listening heart.