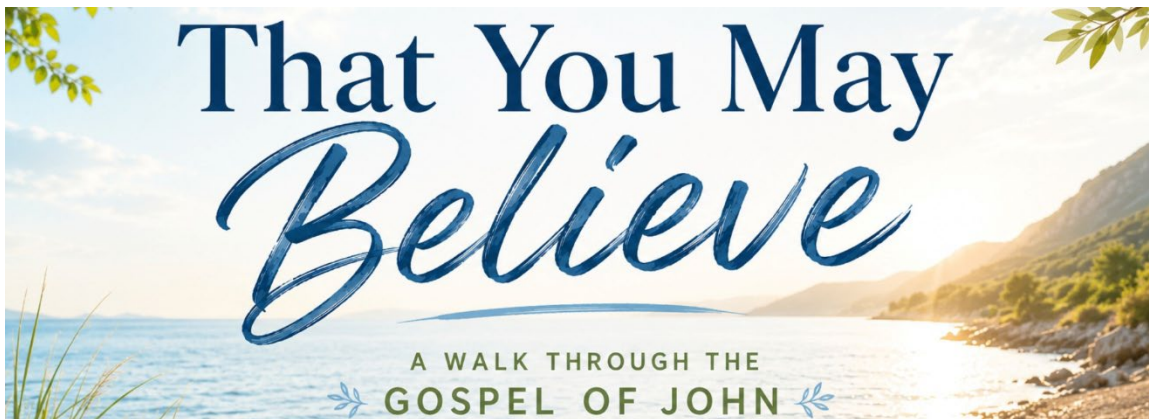




That You May Believe: A Walk Through the Gospel of John - Wk 5

(John 4)

Sunday, June 28, 2026

5-Day Devotional: Living Water and Authentic Worship

Day 1: Jesus Chooses the Time of Our Encounter

Reading: John 4:1-9

Devotional: Jesus deliberately went through Samaria to meet a woman at her point of deepest pain—the well that represented her shame and isolation. He didn't wait for her to find Him; He pursued her in her brokenness. This reminds us that God orchestrates divine appointments in our lives, often in our most difficult places. You may feel trapped by past mistakes or present circumstances, but Jesus is already planning your encounter. He knows exactly where you are and what you need. He meets us not when we're cleaned up, but right where we are—in our mess, our confusion, our pain. Today, recognize that Jesus is pursuing you with intentional love.

Day 2: The Offer of Living Water

Reading: John 4:10-15

Devotional: The Samaritan woman thought her problem was physical thirst and social rejection. Jesus revealed her true need was spiritual. We often misdiagnose our deepest needs, seeking satisfaction in relationships, achievements, or possessions. Like this woman who had five husbands, we look for fulfillment in temporary solutions. Jesus offers something radically different—living water that satisfies eternally. This isn't about behavior modification or religious ritual; it's about spiritual transformation. The water Jesus offers becomes "a fresh bubbling spring" within us, continuously renewing and sustaining. Stop trying to fill your soul with things that leave you thirsty. Accept His offer today. Let Jesus refresh the deepest parts of your spirit.

Day 3: Worship in Spirit and Truth

Reading: John 4:19-26

Devotional: The woman asked about the correct location for worship—the mountain or Jerusalem. Jesus revolutionized her understanding: worship isn't about where, but who. God desires worshipers who engage Him authentically from the heart, not through empty rituals. Worship in spirit means allowing genuine emotion and Holy Spirit guidance to flow from within. Worship in truth means approaching God honestly, aligning with His character, and abandoning pretense. You don't need perfect circumstances or a church building to worship. Whether in your car, at work, or in difficulty, you can encounter God's presence. This week, approach God with raw honesty—tell Him about your frustrations, fears, and failures. True worship begins with authenticity.

Day 4: Grace Covers Our Failures

Reading: John 4:16-18, 28-30

Devotional: Jesus confronted the woman's past—five husbands and current cohabitation—but didn't condemn her. He acknowledged her reality, then shifted the conversation to her future. This is how grace operates: it names our sin without shaming our identity. Notice what happened next: she left her water jar—the symbol of her shame—and ran to tell others. When we truly encounter Jesus' grace, we're freed from hiding. The woman who once avoided people at noon became an evangelist by afternoon. Your past doesn't disqualify you from God's purposes; His grace transforms your story into a testimony. What "water jar" do you need to leave behind today? What shame keeps you from living freely?

Day 5: The Contagious Nature of Change

Reading: John 4:39-42

Devotional: The woman's transformation was so evident that an entire village came to investigate. Changed lives are contagious—they breed hope in others. The townspeople initially came because of her testimony, but stayed because they encountered Jesus themselves. This is the pattern of authentic evangelism: our changed lives create curiosity that leads others to personal encounters with Christ. Are you living differently enough that people notice? The lack of people coming to Christ may not be Jesus' absence, but our failure to display His transformative power. We've assimilated too much of the world. This week, live your faith out loud. Let your joy, peace, and freedom in Christ be so evident that others ask, "What's different about you?"

Reflection Question for the Week:

What encounter with Jesus are you avoiding because you're afraid of what He might ask you to leave behind?