

**SERMON DATE:** July 25, 2021

**SERMON SERIES:** Can I Get a Witness?

**SERMON TITLE:** A Necessary Conversation

## SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

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John 4:1-15

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### The Woman of Samaria

<sup>7</sup> There \*came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus \*said to her, "Give Me a drink." <sup>8</sup> For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. <sup>9</sup> Therefore the Samaritan woman \*said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask me for a drink since I am a Samaritan woman?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup> She \*said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with and the well is deep; where then do You get that living water? <sup>12</sup> You are not greater than our father Jacob, are You, who gave us the well, and drank of it himself and his sons and his cattle?" <sup>13</sup> Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup> The woman \*said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, so I will not be thirsty nor come all the way here to draw."

## INTRODUCTION

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If we are to be the witnesses that Jesus has called us to be, it means that we must go to places we may not be comfortable going. We may have to intentionally initiate conversation that we might otherwise not initiate. God's desire is that none should perish but that all will come to repentance. He has entrusted the word of reconciliation and the ministry of reconciliation to us. Jesus is asking, "Can I get a witness?"

## SUMMARY STATEMENT

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In this text, there are **three key observations** about *racial prejudice*, *religious hatred*, and *dealing with people who are not like us*. And this story conveys some invaluable truths about how to do *evangelism*.

### Key Observations

**Observation #1:** Jesus was ***intentional*** about a conversation with the woman.

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**Observation #2:** Jesus ***initiated*** a conversation with the woman.

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**Observation #3: Jesus was interested in having a conversation with the woman.**

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