



Everyone has a driving force within them that creates a sense of purpose and motivation for their life. You could even say it is the origin or the source of their life purpose. But what happens when that source is faulty or unreliable? What if that source is insufficient? **Read:** John 4:4-29.

1. Jesus will meet you at your place of need (vs. 4-6). Jesus went through Samaria to take the opportunity to minister to a woman who had a deep need – acceptance and forgiveness. The landscape of her soul was a dry and barren land in desperate need of refreshing. And that is exactly where he met her...at her place of need.

Her lifestyle caused her to draw from an unreliable well. See Jeremiah 2:13. What is your place of need today? Perhaps it is among the rubble, the desolate place of depression, once you discovered that your current source is broken, faulty. Open the eyes of your heart and see him waiting for you at your place of need. See Matthew 11:28-30.

2. Jesus accepts you regardless of your lifestyle and label (vs. 7 – 9). The Samaritan woman had a sordid past and became a moral outcast even among her own people. Of all the people who could have condemned her, Jesus chose compassion. Jesus is not encumbered by prejudices and preconceptions.

3. Get past the physical to embrace the spiritual (vs. 10-26). She was hung up on the physical need and couldn't accept or understand the spiritual truth Jesus was offering. What physical appetites keep you from truly knowing who Jesus is in your life?

She was interested in Jesus' message because she thought it could make her life easier (vs. 15). Jesus is not a crutch – he is the strength in my legs that allows me to make it through each day. The missing ingredient? Faith. Faith helps us to see that our source of life is not found in this life. Our true Source is not found in physical things but rather the spiritual.

4. Jesus satisfies the deepest need of your heart (vs. 27-28). What was the proof that Jesus had met this woman's truest need? What is your "water jar" that you need to leave behind today? What is the thing that symbolizes your current source? See John 7:37-39.

5. Guide others to Jesus, the Source (vs. 29-30, 39-42).

Jesus is your Source, the wellspring of purpose, hope, and life.

JESUS IS _____.

Life Application Questions

1. Everyone has a source for their life purpose — a driving force that creates motivation and purpose for their lives. What are some of these sources?
2. Why are these other sources, except Christ, insufficient for providing a lasting purpose?
3. Has there been a time in your life when one of these insufficient sources let you down? What impact did that have on you and your sense of purpose?
4. Read John 4:4-14. Why do you think Jesus “had to go through Samaria”? What does this show us about Jesus?
5. Jesus spoke of the living water he could give the woman. What does he mean by “living water”? Why is that a fitting illustration?
6. Read John 4:15-26. How does Jesus reveal himself to be “the Source” to this woman?
7. Read John 4:28-30; 39-42. What evidence do you find in these passages that the woman found Christ as the Source for her life?
8. What are some ways each day that you can reinforce Christ as your Source?