

THE LIVING WATER



John 4:14 "Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I gave them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

This 16th-century oil painting in a UK museum is titled Christ and the Woman of Samaria. It is based on the story in chapter 4 of the Book of John.

The Samaritan woman was an outcast. She went out to draw water about noon, and Jesus was there. After some conversation, Jesus told her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again." Then, verse 14 follows, and it is the theme of this passage. Jesus provides the Living Water. If we accept Jesus as our Savior and Lord, we will never spiritually thirst again. We will have eternal life.

If you have already accepted Jesus as your Savior and Lord, you can channel the Living Water to others. One can learn from Jesus. One needs to be cross-cultural, cross-gender, and even cross-generational to pass on the Living Water. The most important criterion is love. One needs to be merciful and understanding to non-Christians to build a friendship and earn their trust and respect. In verse 28 of this chapter, it states that the woman left the water jar and went back to town to tell the people. This is how Christians should act: with urgency and sincerity in sharing the Good News!

