

This Gospel today, the exchange with the woman at the well and Jesus has so much to unpack. First the idea that all humanity is thirsting for something only our relationship with God can quench. A deep thirst for meaning and fulfillment only found in relationship with God. We can try and substitute people or things but they will ultimately never do, only God's steadfast love, even in spite of our infidelity to Him, satisfies the deepest thirst of our hearts. This is the peace that comes with relationship with God.

The second thing we need to unpack from this Gospel is that this life giving water, this body and blood of Christ comes with a responsibility. To be co-workers with God in the vineyard of humanity. A wise person once told me some people sow seeds of God, others tend the plant, others harvest but, rarely does God allow an individual to be involved in more than one of these noble jobs. Perhaps that's because we need to be constantly reminded that it is God's work, not ours. Maybe it helps teach us humility and avoid the pitfall of spiritual pride, or just maybe God allows us to be involved to the point we can handle our responsibility and then allows another person to take over from there.

God pours His grace into your heart, not only to help you continue your spiritual journey, but also so others will come to know Him through you. This week in prayer ask yourself these questions. Is there anyone that I have encountered that has asked me questions about my faith? How did I respond, was it an invitation or an argument? What are the signs of spiritual thirst I witness in the world around me?

May the Love, Peace and Grace of God be with you,

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