

FROM DEATH TO LIFE WEEK 2

Living Water for Wounded Lives

John 4:5-42 | Romans 5:1-11

Big Idea

Jesus meets us at the places of our deepest thirst and offers life before we clean ourselves up.

1. The Road Gets Heavy

Last week:

- Nicodemus met Jesus at **night**.
- A religious insider walking the road with **confidence and control**.
- Jesus told him: “**You must be born from above.**”

This week the road feels different.

Not confusing, **exhausting**.

Many people are not struggling with doubt. They are struggling with **dryness**.

2. The Encounter: A Well at Noon

John 4:5-9

Jesus travels through **Samaria** and meets a woman at a well.

Important tensions in the story:

- Samaritan vs Jewish hostility
- Gender barrier
- A woman alone at noon
- A complicated personal history

Contrast with Week 1:

Week 1

Week 2

Nicodemus seeks Jesus	Jesus seeks her
Religious insider	Social outsider
Night	Noon
Control	Exhaustion

Sometimes we come searching. Sometimes we are just surviving. **Jesus meets both.**

3. From Physical Water to Spiritual Thirst

John 4:10-15

Jesus offers **living water**.

The woman misunderstands.

Parallel with Week 1:

Nicodemus	Samaritan Woman
Thinks about biology	Thinks about plumbing
Jesus means transformation	Jesus means life

Spiritual life is not something we construct. **It is something we receive.**

4. Truth Without Shame

John 4:16-18

Jesus names her story.

Not to humiliate her, but to heal her.

Key truth:

Shame says **hide**. Grace says **come closer**.

Jesus doesn't expose her to condemn her...he exposes her to heal her.

5. The Worship Conversation

John 4:19-24

The woman asks about the correct place to worship:

- Mount Gerizim
- Jerusalem

Jesus reframes the question.

True worshipers worship the Father **in Spirit and truth**.

Worship is no longer about **location**.

It is about:

- participation
- relationship
- the life of the Spirit

New birth creates **new worship**.

6. The Gospel Foundation

Romans 5:1-11

Paul echoes the same truth:

- We are justified **by faith**
- We have **peace with God**
- Christ died for us **while we were still sinners**

Grace moves **first**.

Not after we fix ourselves.

7. The Moment Everything Changes

John 4:28-30

John tells us:

“Leaving her water jar...”

The jar was the reason she came to the well.

But now something has shifted.

She leaves it behind.

The woman who came avoiding people
runs back to the town saying:

“Come and see.”

Living water turns **thirst into testimony**.

8. The Road Changes Direction

Before meeting Jesus:

- isolation
- shame
- survival

After meeting Jesus:

- invitation
- healing
- witness

Living water redirects the road.

Closing Truth

Nicodemus didn't understand everything. The Samaritan woman didn't fix everything.

Yet both were invited into new life.

New birth. Living water.

The same Jesus who met a teacher in the night and a wounded woman at noon is still meeting people on the road today.

And the living water he offers **is still flowing**.