⁵So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. ⁷A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."

⁸(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)

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10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." 11 The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep.

Where do you get that living water?"

12"Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again."

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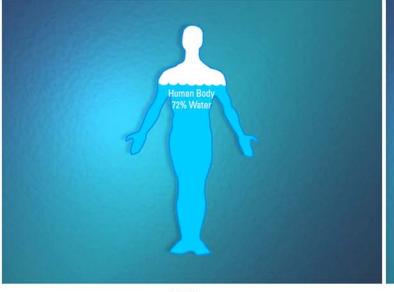
"The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

—John 4:5-15 ESV

Thirst is a Physical and Spiritual Reality

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15The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here."

17The woman answered him, "I have no husband."

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Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." —John 4:15-18 ESV

Thirst Drives Us On a Search for Satisfaction

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"The two 'thirst creators' of life are *love* and *sin*. The woman symbolized the eternal dissatisfaction sin creates in us.

Jesus, on the other hand, symbolized the eternal restlessness of love as it seeks to bless its object."

—Glyn Evans

"The woman was pitiable, not because she was driven by thirst, but because of what drove her to thirst... Sin... Love makes us just as thirsty as sin does, and it drives us to seek satisfaction, as sin does. But because love fulfills itself in the welfare of others, and not for itself, it is holy and ennobling. Jesus and the woman came from opposite poles, driven by thirst, until each found the other and became satisfied." —Glyn Evans

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Love Yearns	Love Yields
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The thirst of love always gives; the thirst of sin always takes.	Thirst Cannot Be Quenched with Substitutes
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"What else does this craving, and the helplessness, proclaim but that there was once in man a true happiness, of which all that now remains is the empty print and trace?"	"This he tries in vain to fill with everything around him, seeking in things that are not there the help he cannot find in those that are, though none can help, since this infinite abyss can be filled only with an infinite and immutable object; in other words, by God himself." —Blaise Pascall Pensees #425
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He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. —Ecclesiastes 3:11 ESV

²³"But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

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²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things."

²⁶Jesus said to her,
"I who speak to you am he."

—John 4:23-26 ESV

Thirst is Quenched Through Love with Hope

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³⁷... "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.""

—John 7:37-38 ESV