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Sought by the Savior

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So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) The 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.) 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." John 4:5-10 NLT.

The Main Thing: Sought by the Savior

Jesus breaks all kinds of cultural and religious norms in talking with the Samaritan woman at the well. We know three things about her from John's description in chapter four:

- She's a Samaritan (a Gentile) and drinking from this woman's water jar would make a person ceremoniously unclean, but Jesus does it anyway.
- She's a woman and talking with a married woman in private was against the law in this time. Jesus' disciples were in town and no one else was at the well, but Jesus speaks with her anyway.
- She's unwanted; she's not a part of the community. The reason she's at the well at noon is because she doesn't belong, she's ashamed, she's unaccepted, but Jesus doesn't show partiality, prejudice, or condemnation, and He seeks her out anyway.

Why? Because Jesus wants her heart. He wants a relationship with her. Here, at this well, in the middle of what would have been a normal day for her, in the midst of her normal activities, in the midst of her pain, grief, anxiety, depression, exhaustion, shame, loneliness, and lostness - she's being sought by the Savior specifically, intentionally, and personally.

And the same is true for you.

Jesus wants you. He wants a personal, intimate relationship with you. He doesn't just want a relationship with you that's based on your parent's relationship with Him or your church's relationship with Him. He wants a relationship with you personally. In the midst of your current circumstances, in the midst of this new day...Jesus wants you.

Based on John 3:16-17 and Romans 5:8 we know that Jesus is an initiator God who doesn't just wait for *us* to pursue *Him*, but He is a Savior who seeks after *us*. Today, I invite you to respond to His pursuit and keep the Main Thing, the main thing.

Reflection:

- Pray: *"Jesus, I believe you are the Son of God, that you sought after me and died on the cross to rescue me from sin and death and to restore me to the Father. I choose now to turn from my sins, my self-centeredness, and every part of my life that does not please you. I choose you. Please fill me up with your Living Water."*

- As you read this passage in John 4:5-10, how does this story intersect (or how do you resonate) with your life?
- What spaces and places in your life are you yearning to be filled with God's goodness?

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- **Talk** with Chaplain [Anna Bennett](#) or [Joseph Khabbaz](#) if you need someone to pray with or have a desire to grow spiritually.