The Woman at the Well

John 4:1-42

	(*Jesus and his disciples enter, exhausted and overheated. They sit down by the well*.)
Guys	Man, it's hot! Yeah, too hot.
Nat	We've been walking all day. My dogs are hurting.
Thomas	Mine, too. These sandals are pinching my toes.
James	At least you have sandals. My feet are burning up in these sneakers.
Jesus	Hey, guys, head into town and buy some food, okay?
Guys	Okay! You got it, Jesus. Heading out. Let's go.
James	Let's get some Ho-Ho's and Doritos and marshmallows and Pepsi-Cola!
Peter	Nah, that's junk food, man. Get some healthy fruits and vegetables.
James	Okay. But can we get some fruit roll-ups?
Peter	Okay, but you have to eat something healthy, first.
John	Alright, Peter.
Peter	Lord, are you going to wait here by the well?
Jesus	Yes, Peter. I'll be waiting right here.
Peter	Okee dokee. See you later. Come on guys. *(they exit with general hubbub expressing hunger, excitement)*
	(*A lovely Samaritan woman enters with a bucket. She goes to the well*.)
Woman	(*singing to the tune of "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*) I come to Jacobs well, With my water bucket each day. This desert land is so dry, Seems this is the only way.
Jesus	Nice song. Please give me some water to drink.
Woman	(*sassy*) Hey. What's the big idea? Can't you see that I'm a Samaritan woman?
Jesus	Yes.
Woman	You're Jewish, aren't you?
Jesus	Yes.
Woman	Well, I'll tell you a little secret there, mister. Jewish people and Samaritans

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	don't talk to each other. We don't like each other. We don't talk to each other. So don't talk to me. And don't ask me for water. (*hums as she works*)
Jesus	If you knew who I really am, you would see that this is a gift from God. (*she looks at him*) If you knew who I really am, you could ask me for **living** water and I would give it to you and you would never thirst again.
Woman	(*softening*) But you have no bucket to draw water out of the well. How are you supposed to get water without a bucket? And what is **living** water?
Jesus	If you drink this water from Jacob's well, you will be thirsty again in no time. But if you drink the living water of faith, it will become a holy spring of water inside you forever and ever. And you will never be thirsty again.
Woman	Sir, whoever you are, I would like this living water so I never have to carry this heavy bucket again!
Jesus	Then tell your husband to come here.
Woman	(*shuffles, looks at her feet*) I don't… exactly… have a husband.
Jesus	That's right, you don't. You've been married five times and now you've got a boyfriend. But you don't have a husband.
Woman	Woah. (*jumps backward*) You're right! You must be a prophet of God to know all about my life. But now I'm confused. Jewish people and Samaritans don't worship God in the same way. What should I do?
	(*The Guys enter quietly with food. They listen.)*
Jesus	Don't worry. God wants people who love Him in spirit and truth. He loves everyone. Samaritans and Jews. My disciples and I will teach you everything you need to know.
Woman	I have always been taught that someday a Messiah will come to us from heaven.
Jesus	I am the Messiah, He who is called Jesus the Christ.
Woman	(*giving Peter her bucket*) I gotta go. I gotta tell everybody! (*she addresses the apostles and the audience*) He knows me! He knows it all! The Messiah is here! Woohooo!(*she is singing*; *the apostles yell "hey!" at the end of each line)* I got that joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart! Down in my heart! Down in my heart! I got that joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart! Down in my heart today! (*she exits, whooping for joy*)
Thomas	That was interesting.
John	Lord, were you actually talking to that *Samaritan* woman?

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Nat	He can talk to anyone He wants to.
John	I wasn't asking you.
Peter	Pipe down, Guys. Jesus, here, have something to eat. We got some healthy snacks. Let's see, apples, pretzels, juice boxes…
Jesus	No thanks. I have food to eat that you don't know about.
Peter	Huh? What do you mean?
James	Where?
Nat	You're kidding around, right?
Jesus	No. I'm not kidding. My food is to do everything my Father in heaven asks me to do. That's all I really need to keep me strong.
Peter	I… I'm confused.
James	Me, too.
John	Me, three.
Peter	Cut it out, guys.
John	Sorry.
Thomas	Low blood sugar.
Jesus	Listen up. You guys are going to have to go out and teach a lot of people about me. Our heavenly work is more important than anything else. That Samaritan woman is going to tell lots of people about me, and we are going to go into her city and bring the truth to many, many families. We'll baptize them and heal them and make them children of God.
Nat	Wow.
Thomas	That's intense, boss.
Peter	She really believed, you, Lord. With her whole heart.
Jesus	Yes, she did.
Peter	And she wasn't even Jewish.
Nat	She wasn't a guy, either.
James	Yeah.
Nat	Not like us.
Thomas	We are men.
John	Yeah.
James	So… when do we eat?

The End

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