The Way to **Wholeness**

JOHN 4:1-42

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Jesus finds us **BROKEN**, (4:1-18)

he enters our shame v. 4-9 Luke 19:10; Isaiah 61:1; Hebrews 4:15-16; Matthew 11:28

he knows our thirst v. 13-14ff Jeremiah 2:13; Psalm 63:1; Isaiah 55:1



promises living water v. 10-14 John 6:35; 7:37-38; Isaiah 12:3; Revelation 22:17

shifts our focus v. 23-24 Isaiah 61:3; Romans 8:1-2

and turns our **SHAME** into his **STORY**. (4:28-42)

removes it forever v. 28 Isaiah 43:18-19; Psalm 103:12; Colossians 2:13-14

redeems your story v. 39-42 Psalm 107:2; Romans 8:28ff; Mark 5:19-20



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What is this? — Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, & ive life together. We call them Life Groups. The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a related part of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card or at the Connect Desk!

Welcome to Life Group!

Getting to Know You

Part of our goal at Life Group is just learning more about each other. Toward that end, take some time to catch up with each other as you gather.

If it helps, here's a question to discuss and get you going. Have everyone answer:

Have you ever had a time when you had to carry something heavy and/or akward around all day? — If not, would you rather carry a heavy water jar, a stack of books, or a small todler around all day long?

Digging Deeper – A Bible Study

Use this guide for further personal and group study this week. For the most impact in your life and in your group, *work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group.* If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this guide for further study personally.

- Read John 4:1-42. Then review your message notes. Looking back, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you this week? Discuss it with your group before moving on.
- 2. **John 4:4** says Jesus "had" to go through Samaria, a route devout Jews avoided, and met a woman at noon, alone, hiding in shame (**v. 6-7**). Why do you think this detour was necessary?
 - How does his weariness (v. 6) reveal His humanity and willingness to enter our brokenness?
 - Where do you see people today changing patterns—like the Samaritan woman's noon trip—to avoid others due to shame?
- 3. Jesus told the woman, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again" (v. 13), knowing her deeper thirst. What "wells" (habits, pursuits, etc.) do you keep returning to that don't satisfy?
 - When we struggle with shame, why do we isolate ourselves, like she did?
 - How does Jesus' offer of "living water" (v. 14) address both our thirst and isolation?
- 4. A lot of times when our own shame gets touched on we can be quick to change or divert the discussion (and understandably... it's hard and messy). Pastor Josh mentioned that the woman seemed to be doing this with Jesus.

We are sent to love people and invite them to follow Jesus with us.

WELCOME TO WAWASEE!

Enduring Reach

By 2030 the people of Wawasee Bible will engage in 10,000 Gospel Conversations and establish an **Enduring Local Presence** in at least 2 surrounding communities by meeting practical, emotional, & spiritual needs of people in the Greater Wawasee Lakes Area.

We will be known throughout our region as a church that not only preaches but **lives** the truth of the biblical Gospel. **The people of our** communities will know that they are loved by Jesus and loved by **us**, and we will be known as a church with a passion for meeting the greatest spiritual needs of every person in our circle of influence.

ENDURING

COURAGE In 2024-2025 the people of Wawasee Bible will take 3 faith-filled risks

in the areas of **sharing our faith**, **financial giving**, and **comfort**. By God's grace we will grow in courage and faith as we trust the Lord's lead in our lives and our church!

WORD FIND IN THE WORD

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find: John 4:21-24 (NIrV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

²¹ Jesus said, "Believe me, woman. A time is coming when you will not worship the Father on this **mountain** or in **Jerusalem**. ²² You **Samaritans** worship what you do not **know**. We worship what we do know. Salvation comes from the Jews. 23 "But a new time is coming. In fact, it is **already here**. **True** worshipers will worship the **Father** in **spirit** and in **truth**. They are the **kind** of T worshipers the Father is looking for. ²⁴ "God is **spirit**. His worshipers must worship him in spirit and in truth."

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But Jesus redirected the woman from arguing about worship locations (v. 20) to "spirit and truth" (v. 23-24), back toward his offer of life over shame. Read John 7:37-39 and Jeremiah 2:13. How do these scriptures show Jesus replacing our broken pursuits with his living water?

- What practical steps can you take to shift your focus from shame (or trying to distract vourself from it) to his joy daily?
- 5. The woman left her jar (v. 28) after Jesus revealed himself (v. 26). Why is this significant?
 - How did Jesus practically help relieve her shame in this encounter—beyond the cross—by knowing her (**v. 18**) yet loving her?
 - If you're willing to share... What "jar" in your life might Jesus be inviting you to drop and leave with him to find freedom?

Taking it Home & Prayer

- 6. The woman's testimony—"Come, see a man who told me everything" (v. 29) led many to believe (v. 39-42). Why were the disciples shocked to see Jesus talking to her (v. 27)?
 - Read Hebrews 12:1-2 and Romans 8:28. How do these reflect Jesus removing shame and using our stories?
 - Who might people be shocked to see you reach out to with your redeemed story? — *If you need help writing/telling your story, visit wawaseebible.com/pearl and download a copy of "The 2nd Greatest Story."

As you close, take time to pray for each other.



BONUS: The Chosen video series has an imaginative & powerful depiction of this scene between Jesus and the woman. After you've completed your study time, watch it together and discuss it. If you search for "Chosen Woman at the Well" on Google, you'll find a YouTube link. Or you can scan this OR code.



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