Standing Firm-Loving Well: Priorities
John 4:12-24
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John 4:12-24: Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?" Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water." He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true." "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem." "Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth." NIV

Our Vision: Connect with Christ, Church, and Community

1. _____ to a living God

Broken _____: The nations exchange their gods to find the most profitable ones…. My people have exchanged my glory for false gods but they have not profited at all….they have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug for themselves broken cisterns that cannot hold water!

Jeremiah 2:11, 13 (JOT)

_____ worship: The time…has come when genuine worshippers will worship the Father in the Spirit and with true hearts having a singular devotion. These are the kind of worshippers the Father deeply desires! John 4:23 (JOT)

2. _____ true worship

_____ God first: Then God spoke all these words: "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt where you were slaves. "You must not have any other gods except me….You must not worship or serve any idol, because I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God. Exodus 20:1-3,5 (NCV)

_____ tithing: Give God a tenth of everything…as you share it with the Lord, part of it will be used so you can feast in God's presence and share with him…. The purpose of tithing is so you will learn what it means to put God first in your life all of your days.

Deuteronomy 14:22-23 (JOT)

_____ God's blessing: Give away your life; you'll find life given back, but not merely given back—given back with bonus and blessing. Giving, not getting, is the way. Generosity begets generosity.

Luke 6:23 (MSG)

3. _____ a stream of hope in the wilderness

Accept the _____: Jesus replied, "Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life." John 4:13-14 (NLT)

Spiritual Action Step:

Are you thirsty for something more? Something that will bring a greater fullness of joy and hope? Do you sense your strength being sapped by the burden of your brokenness? God invites you to something better and greater! Hear God's invitation through the Prophet Isaiah: *"Is anyone thirsty? Come and drink— even if you have no money! Come, take your choice of wine or milk— it's all free! Why spend your money on food that does not give you strength?* (Isaiah 55:1-2, NLT) All of our hearts are restless and empty until we find the fullness of Jesus Christ. Ask for God's help. Acknowledge that you cannot save yourself and confess that Jesus is the Lord of your life. This week continue with the Lent study. If you have not started you can find a book in the entrance of the church.

Translations: NIV: New International Version; JOT: Jon's Own Translation; NCV: New Century Version; MSG: The Message; NLT: New Living Translation