



## A WOMAN OF SAMARIA

*John 4:1-29*

Many associate this story with an earthly woman full of carnal sin at an earthly well. But at a closer look, we understand that this story far surpasses our earthly ideas and finds itself planted in the themes of Heaven. We must be careful to look past the human and the earthly and the physical, and it is only then that we will find ourselves entrenched in the eternal work of our eternal God.

### TRUE LOVE SURPASSES HUMAN BOUNDARIES

Jesus, in his journey from Judaea, crosses in through the region of Samaria. Jesus, being a Jew, went far past his socially accepted boundary – and went even farther and spoke to the woman. The love of Jesus reached far past the boundaries that were firmly planted in the minds of those around Him. True love surpasses every physical, social, national and racial boundary.

**Key Application:** We often create boundaries in our own mind that limit our effectiveness as a witness. We must ask God to break down the boundaries that bind us from the world that He loves.

### TRUE SATISFACTION SURPASSES EARTHLY TIME

When Jesus makes His way to the well, He is joined by a woman coming to draw water. After their unexpected introduction, Jesus reveals a great truth about true satisfaction. He tells the woman. *“If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.”* True satisfaction is Heavenly not earthly, eternal not temporal, and only found in Jesus Christ.

### TRUE WORSHIP SURUPASSES PHYSICAL MEASURES

As the woman spoke to Jesus, she speaks of the Fathers who had worshipped in a certain place. Much emphasis was placed in her own mind on the physical – the water, the well, the mountain, all tangible things. But Jesus is quick to move to the Spiritual matters. It was not the water, the well, or the mountain He spoke about, it was the Spiritual reference behind all these. It was not the well of Jacob; it was the God of Jacob. It was not the water; it was the Living Water. And Jesus tells the woman that worship is not about a location, it is about the spirit of God.