

FINDING LASTING SATISFACTION

"But those who drink the water I will give shall never be thirsty again" St John's Gospel chapter 4, verse 14

Jesus asked a woman at a well, who had five failed marriages behind her, for a drink. Surprised, the Samaritan woman asked why he, a Jewish man, was asking her for water. Jesus replied,

*"If you knew who I am, you would be asking me for living water. For all who drink this water will get thirsty again **but anyone who drinks the water I give will never thirst."***



Notice the distinction between "this water" and "the water I give". Jesus wasn't talking about H₂O. He was talking about where to find lasting satisfaction. The woman at the well had gone from one disappointing relationship to another and she had no idea how, or where, to find what she really thirsted for. Her response to each failed relationship was another relationship. No matter how often she drank of "this water", her thirst could not be satisfied.

Now Jesus wasn't criticising her morals. No, he was offering her the only real cure for emptiness. *"But those (anyone) who drink the water I will give shall never be thirsty again"*.

Wherever you are looking for fulfilment and satisfaction - relationships, alcohol, drugs, money, power, pleasure etc. - it is all "this water" - which can never satisfy.

INSTEAD, focus on "the water I give", focus on Jesus Christ "drinking in" his Word and his Spirit and the fellowship of his people and the void within will be filled and YOU WILL find lasting satisfaction.