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John 4:5-42 (NIV)

⁵ So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph.

⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?"

⁸ (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

¹¹ "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?"

¹² 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?"

¹³ Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again,

¹⁴ 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."

¹⁵ 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." ¹⁶ He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

¹⁷ "I have no husband," she replied.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband.

¹⁸ 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."

¹⁹ "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet.

²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

²¹ "Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

²² You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews.

²³ 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.

²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."

²⁵ The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

²⁶ Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he."

The Disciples Rejoin Jesus

²⁷ Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, "What do you want?" or "Why are you talking with her?"

²⁸ Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people,

²⁹ "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?"

³⁰ They came out of the town and made their way toward him. ³¹ Meanwhile his disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat something."

³² But he said to them, "I

have food to eat that you know nothing about."

³³ Then his disciples said to each other, "Could someone have brought him food?"

³⁴ "My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.

³⁵ Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at

the fields! They are ripe for harvest.

³⁶ Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together.

³⁷ Thus the saying 'One sows and another reaps' is true.

³⁸ I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor."

Many Samaritans Believe

³⁹ Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did."

⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days.

⁴¹ And because of his words many more became believers.

⁴² They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world."

.... enjoy & share the gift of the friendship of Jesus



IN OUR PRAYERS

- Max Whitten has been in Nioka since 3rd March. We give thanks for the care he is receiving, and that several family members have been able to travel home to visit him.
- We also pray for Shirley at this time.
- We pray for Lynne Bowden. She is safely back from Italy, but is in isolation at home for the next 14 days.
- We pray for medical staff throughout the world who are involved in caring for Covid 19 patients.
- We give thanks for our families.

Meg's Musings

As a little girl, I enjoyed visiting my grandmother, and "helping" with the cooking.

However hard I tried, my wrist would only last a minute or two at mixing, and it would be too tired to continue with the task.

I was in awe of my grandmother, who seemed to be able to beat ingredients together for ages.

As I was beating eggs earlier this week, I remembered my grandmother, busy in her kitchen.

Memories of going to church with my grandmother are also important to me. She also took me visiting relatives, shopping, and to the park.

She could not have known the influence that she would have on me, but her life and example affects how I live each day.

Who are you influencing - without being aware of it?

Blessings from Meg



"You are the sum total of everything you've ever seen, heard, eaten, smelled, been told, forgot--it's all there. Everything influences each of us, and because of that I try to make sure that my experiences are positive." ~ Maya Angelou

WELCOMES:

Welcome to the Crowell family, and their friends, as they celebrate the baptism of Gracie Ronnie-Fae Crowell at Hallsville today.



Welcome also to Jenny Brown who is leading our worship at West Tamworth.

"There is a fountain of youth: it is your mind, your talents, the creativity you bring to your life and the lives of people you love. When you learn to tap this source, you will truly have defeated age." ~ Sophia Loren

PEEL VALLEY CONGREGATION

Our goal: "To be transformed communities, experiencing, enjoying & sharing the gift of the friendship of Jesus."

Mission: "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve."

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Psalm 95 (NIV)

- ¹ Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
- ² Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.
- ³ For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods.
- ⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.
- ⁵ The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.
- ⁶ Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;
- ⁷ for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care. Today, if only you would hear his voice,
- ⁸ "Do not harden your hearts as you did at Meribah, as you did that day at Massa in the wilderness,
- ⁹ where your ancestors tested me; they tried me, though they had seen what I did.
- ¹⁰ For forty years I was angry with that generation; I said, 'They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they have not known my ways.'
- ¹¹ So I declared on oath in my anger, 'They shall never enter my rest.'"

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Doug Crowell



"Don't waste so much time worrying about your skin or your weight. Develop what you do, what you put your hands on in the world." ~ Meryl Streep

Memory Lane 10:00 am at West

Tuesday 17 March ~ we will tour Vietnam through the eyes of Marg Crowell.



"Surround yourself with people who are really good and really passionate about what they do regardless of what it is... positivity and passion make a powerful combination." ~ Rachael Bermingham



1st Sunday of the month

~ Luncheon @ West

4th Sunday of the month

~ Markets @ Hallsville

1st & 3rd Tuesday MEMORY LANE