

At The Well

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Theme and Purpose

The parable of the prodigal son contains a beautiful image of the Father waiting and watching for his son to come home. In fact, the Father not only waits for us but actually seeks us out, as in the parables of the lost sheep and lost coin. The account in the book of John of Jesus with the woman at the well illustrates how Jesus came to seek the lost. God bows through our defenses and cuts through to our hearts. Inside our hearts is a deep need for our creator. God will take the rags of our lives and make them into something beautiful.

Cast list	Woman
Approximate Running Time	3 minutes
Scene Description	None
Prop List	A large ceramic jug or wooden bucket
Other Production Notes	It may be effective to have the woman enter from the rear of the sanctuary, beginning her monologue as she walks past the congregation.
Related Scriptures	John 4:1-42, 2 Corinthians 16:9a, 2 Peter 3:9, 1 Samuel 16:7, Luke 19:10
Song Suggestions	Verge of a Miracle (Rich Mullins); Growing Young (Rich Mullins); Fill My Cup, Lord; Something Beautiful, The Heart of Worship

Woman walks on stage in Biblical dress carrying a wooden bucket or clay pot. She addresses the audience.

Woman :

Come with me. (*gesturing for audience to come*) Come. Come with me and see a man who knows everything about me and spoke with the words of God. Come and see him.

He's at the well. He was sitting there when I went to draw water, as if ... as if he'd been waiting for me. I started to draw water, hardly noticing him, and then he spoke. "Give me a drink."

I didn't know what to say. He was obviously a Jew, and they don't talk to their own women in public, let alone a Samaritan. I asked him as much. And he answered, "If you knew the love of God, and if you knew who I am, you would be asking me for a drink - a drink of living water."

That nearly made me laugh. Here he was offering me a drink, and I was the one with the bucket. But he said, "Drink my water, and you'll never thirst again." (Scoffs) Right. Never thirst again?! I was starting to think I'd met a crazy man!

But then he asked me... Well, it was obvious he knew all about me and all the men in my past. I wanted to change the subject, so I asked him about the religious disputes between Jews and Samaritans. Should we worship on this mountain, or must we worship at the temple?

You know what he said? He said the time was coming, and was even here, when the "where" of worship and the forms of worship wouldn't matter. He said that what mattered was worshipping God in spirit, with our true selves in adoration.

He said, "The kind of people the Father is looking for are those who are simply and honestly themselves before him in their worship."

He called God Father! And he said the God of creation was looking for people. Could God be looking for people... people like me? His words leapt inside me like fire. I wanted to be the kind of person God would look for. But how

could God possibly want me? With my past. And could I honestly be myself in God's presence?

Yet here was this man of God. He knew me. And he was still speaking to me. He had been waiting for me to come to him. Waiting... for me...

Come and see him for yourself. Maybe He's looking for you, too.

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