

STORY 7: WITNESS

One day, as Jesus was passing through a village, he got tired and sat down by a well.

When a woman walked up, Jesus asked her for a drink of water. The woman responded, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews didn't associate with Samaritans.)

As their conversation continued, Jesus shared with this woman about the "living water" that he offers and taught her about worship. She had been through at least five failed relationships and Jesus knew this about her, and yet, he didn't condemn her. Instead, he chose to reveal to her his true identity as Savior.

As they were talking, Jesus' disciples arrived and they were shocked to find Jesus talking with a woman. They were all curious, but none of them asked Jesus what he wanted or why he was talking to her.

Then, leaving her water jar behind, the woman ran back into town.

She said to the people, "Come and check this out! There is a man who told me everything I have ever done! Could he be the Messiah?"

Everyone in town went out to see Jesus.

Because of what the woman told them, a lot of people in that village put their faith in Jesus. Many of them came to Jesus and urged him to stay in their village, and he stayed for two more days.

Many more people put their faith in Jesus because of what they heard him say.

They told the woman, "We no longer have faith in Jesus just because of what you told us. We have heard him ourselves, and we are certain that he is the Savior of the world!"

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- **review:** re-tell the story
- **dialogue:** discuss the story
 - What do you like or not like about this story?
 - What was the woman's reaction to meeting Jesus? What was the result?
 - What can we learn from the woman in terms of sharing with others about Jesus?
 - What can we learn about God from this story?
- **application:** live the story
 - Why are some barriers to talking about Jesus with people who don't know him?
 - If we were to live our lives as a witness for Jesus, what would our lives look like?
 - What is one action you can take to apply this story to your life?
- **notes:**