



## March 2020: LET THAT WATER FLOW

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Based on John 4:5-42

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Do you remember a time when you were so excited about the Gospel, you couldn't wait to tell everyone about it? Yes? No? Was there ever such a time for you? There certainly was for this woman at the well. Jesus only told her to go get her husband, but after the exchange that followed, she went and got the whole town. Two thoughts about this: First, no past sins can bar our access to Jesus Christ, and second, we are called to love and reach out to those who are different, and perhaps even marginalized. The Great Commission applies to us all.

She wasted no time. She didn't even draw the water to take with her. She left the water for later (she had better water) and rushed back into town. She didn't just fetch her lover; she spoke to the whole town. "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ" (ESV)? A bit of an over-statement, but I'm sure she realized he did know everything about her there was to know.

And what do you think the townspeople thought of this promiscuous woman? She was obviously excited enough not to care what they thought of her. She wanted them to think of the Christ. "They went out of the town and [came] to him" (ESV).

"Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me all that I ever did.' ... 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we **know** that this is indeed the Savior of the world'" (ESV).

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