

1 Third Sunday of Lent

**Today is about thirst.**

**Israel is dying of thirst in the desert  
and that thirst becomes a crisis of faith:**

**“Is the Lord in our midst or not?”**

**In the Gospel,  
we meet two more thirsty people.**

**High noon.**

**Blazing sun.**

**A woman alone.**

**She is isolated,  
burdened,  
carrying more than a water jar.**

**And there,  
sitting tired at the well,  
is Jesus:  
the Lord in her midst.**

**He begins simply:**

**“Give me a drink.”**

**The Creator of oceans  
asks for water.**

**But He is not only thirsty for water.**

**He is thirsty for her.**

**True, she has come to draw water,  
but she is really drawing from a pattern:**

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**five husbands,  
and the man she now has is not her husband.**

**She keeps returning  
to the same well.**

**Not because she is wicked.**

**Because she is thirsty.**

**And so are we.**

**We go back to the same wells:**

**achievement  
distraction  
relationships  
resentment  
comfort  
control**

**And every time we tell ourselves:**

**“This time  
it will satisfy.”**

**It never does.**

**Jesus opens another possibility:**

**“Whoever drinks the water I shall give  
will never thirst.”**

**He is speaking about the very love of God  
poured into the heart:  
the Holy Spirit.**

**Poured.**

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**Not sprinkled.**

**Not rationed.**

**Poured.**

**God is not stingy.**

**We are.**

**We ration surrender.**

**We ration repentance.**

**We ration trust.**

**But He pours.**

**Then comes the turning point.**

**The woman who came for water  
leaves without her jar.**

**That jar is not just clay.**

**It is her old way of surviving.**

**Her old identity.**

**Her old story.**

**You cannot carry living water  
and cling to the jar  
at the same time.**

**And here is the uncomfortable truth:**

**Some of us prefer the jar.**

**It is familiar.**

**Predictable.**

**Manageable.**

**Living water is not manageable.**

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**It moves.**

**It demands.**

**It sends you.**

**She runs back to the town  
to the very people who likely judged her  
and becomes a missionary:**

**“Come see a man  
who told me everything I have done.”**

**Her testimony is simple.**

**Personal.**

**Honest.**

**And because of her witness,  
many believe.**

**They begin to drink  
for themselves.**

**The question today is not:**

**Are you thirsty?**

**You are.**

**Lent asks us  
to face our thirst honestly:**

**Do you want living water?**

**Will you leave your jar?**

**Or will you walk back  
to your same well  
tomorrow?**

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**Jesus is in your midst.**

**He already knows your story.**

**And He is not scandalized by it.**

**The only crisis of faith left  
is whether you will drink.**