

The Samaritan Woman's Wisdom Unpacked

Stanza 1: Meeting the Door Opener

*I came to the well when the sun was high,
Ashamed of my past, afraid of each eye.
But there sat a Stranger who knew all I'd done,
And offered me mercy that shone like the sun.*

Meaning:

The Samaritan woman begins her story in shame and isolation, but encounters Christ — the true Door (John 10:9). He does not shame her but opens the door of forgiveness and belonging. In His light, she sees herself clearly and is still loved completely.

Scriptures:

- *John 4:6–7* — “It was about noon. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, ‘Will you give me a drink?’”
 - *Psalms 34:5* — “Those who look to Him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.”
 - *John 8:12* — “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”
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Stanza 2: The Conversation That Changed Everything

*He asked for my water, though I had none to give,
He spoke of a spring where the thirsty could live.
He saw through my pain, yet He did not condemn,
He opened my heart—and I opened to Him.*

Meaning:

Jesus invited her into a conversation of eternal depth. She came seeking water for the body but found water for the soul. The first step to becoming a Door Opener is allowing Christ to open the door of your own heart.

Scriptures:

- *John 4:10* — “If you knew the gift of God... you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water.”
 - *Romans 8:1* — “There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”
 - *Revelation 3:20* — “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with Me.”
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Stanza 3: From Shame to Boldness

*I left my jar, my burden, my shame,
And ran to the village that once cursed my name.
'Come see the Man!' I cried without fear,
'For truth and forgiveness are waiting right here!'*

Meaning:

The woman's transformation was immediate and visible. She left behind her jar — the symbol of her old identity and burdens — and became a messenger. When Christ opens your heart, you naturally begin opening doors for others.

Scriptures:

- *John 4:28–29* — “Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, ‘Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?’”
 - *2 Corinthians 5:17* — “If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”
 - *Romans 10:14–15* — “How can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard?... How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”
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Stanza 4: Grace Opens Every Door

*The doors that once closed because of my sin,
Were opened by grace that welcomed me in.
Now I tell the weary, the lost, and the small—
The Living Water still flows for us all.*

Meaning:

God's grace turns rejection into redemption. The woman's story shows that no one is disqualified from being used by God. The same grace that forgives us empowers us to welcome others in His name.

Scriptures:

- *Ephesians 2:13* — “But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.”
 - *Titus 3:5–6* — “He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy.”
 - *Matthew 11:28* — “Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”
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Stanza 5: Opening Doors for Others

*So open your heart, your home, your hand,
Be ready to go where His mercies expand.
One word of kindness, one act of care—
May open a soul to the Savior's prayer.*

Meaning:

Every believer is called to live as a door opener — welcoming others through kindness, humility, and service. Simple acts of compassion can open eternal doors. Leadership in God's kingdom is about invitation, not control.

Scriptures:

- *Romans 15:7* — “Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.”
 - *Galatians 6:9–10* — “Let us not grow weary of doing good... as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people.”
 - *1 Peter 4:9–10* — “Offer hospitality to one another... each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others.”
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Stanza 6: Becoming the Door

*For I was the least, yet He made me the start,
Of faith that would spread from one changed heart.
Be a door for others, as He was for me,
And the world will find life through your testimony.*

Meaning:

This stanza declares the fruit of her faith — a ripple effect of salvation. God delights in starting great movements through humble hearts. A Door Opener doesn't just hold the door open; they *become* the door through their testimony.

Scriptures:

- *1 Corinthians 1:27–29* — “God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise... so that no one may boast before Him.”
 - *John 10:9* — “I am the door; whoever enters through Me will be saved.”
 - *Revelation 12:11* — “They overcame by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony.”
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Leadership Lore Reflection:

The Samaritan woman reminds us that **the best Door Openers are those who have been through closed doors themselves**. Her wisdom calls every leader, parent, and believer to see each conversation as a chance to open the way for someone else to encounter Christ.

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