

Empty

Do you ever feel empty incomplete? It's like the reoccurring nightmare in which you wake up late for work, quickly dress, run to your car, drive frantically to work, slide into your parking spot on two wheels, only to open your door and feel a cool breeze across your legs. It's at that point you finally realize that you're missing something. If the only thing you miss is a pair of pants on a rushed day, life would be easy breezy! For so many people the feeling that they are missing something in their life is overwhelming. Some of us turn to relationships to help us feel complete. These relationships can help to fill the time and loneliness, but often the relationship puts us in a position to be let down. Because we usually have the expectation that a particular person will fix everything. There is a woman in the Bible. We meet her at a well, during the hottest part of the day, at which point she encounters Jesus. He asks her for a drink of water. She responds, "how can you ask me for a drink we do not associate?"

John 4:10-15

10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

11 "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? 12 Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"

13 Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus knew she was lacking something in her life. He proceeded to tell her a very honest fact about her life. He told her she'd been trying to fill what she was missing with many relationships, but she was still left empty and unsatisfied. Jesus was telling us that satisfaction does not come from filling yourself with the things of this world. Relationships, money or drugs, will never fill the void we have inside. He is like water. Once we accept his love, he seeps into every empty space left by this life. He fills the God shaped void, that is the very something we have been missing.