

John 4:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.

Analysis

Jesus' simple request 'Give me to drink' breaks multiple social barriers: He speaks to a woman, a Samaritan, and one of questionable character. His initiative in conversation demonstrates the grace that seeks sinners. This request, though addressing physical need, opens dialogue toward spiritual truth—a pattern for evangelism.

Historical Context

Jewish men typically didn't speak with women in public, and Jews avoided Samaritans entirely. Jesus' request violated both taboos, shocking both the woman (v. 9) and later His disciples (v. 27).

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does Jesus' example challenge our social and cultural prejudices in sharing the gospel?
2. What 'small' conversations might God use to introduce life-changing spiritual truth?

Interlinear Text

Ἔρχεται	γυνή	ἐκ	τῆς	Σαμαρείας	ἀντλήσαι	ὕδωρ
There cometh	a woman	of	G3588	Samaria	to draw	water
G2064	G1135	G1537		G4540	G501	G5204
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saith	unto her	G3588	Jesus	Give	me	to drink
G3004	G846		G2424	G1325	G3427	G4095

Additional Cross-References

Matthew 10:42 (Parallel theme): And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.

Genesis 24:43 (Parallel theme): Behold, I stand by the well of water; and it shall come to pass, that when the virgin cometh forth to draw water, and I say to her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water of thy pitcher to drink;

1 Kings 17:10 (Parallel theme): So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.