

April 10 | Sunday
The God of Second Chances:
“Five Divorces and a Live-in Boyfriend”



11 | Mon – Oh, the places you’ll go (Dr. Seuss) | Read [John 4:1-5](#)

Jesus is traveling from Jerusalem in southern Israel to Galilee, the northern region where he grew up. Most Jews of that time would travel three days out of their way to avoid going through the central section called Samaria but John says Jesus ‘had to go through’ this ill-regarded region. Are you willing to go places others try to avoid in order to break down barriers between you and those who need to see God’s love in real life?

12 | Tue – Help from an unusual source | Read [John 4:6-9](#)

Historic Christianity has always said that Jesus was fully divine and fully man, that he understands what it means to be human. He was tired; he was thirsty. Yet he, the Son of God, asked a social outcast for help. Are you willing to ask for, and accept, help from unlikely people? Can asking for help from another person actually help break down barriers?

13 | Wed – Thirsty? | Read [John 4:10-15](#)

“Living water” is used to describe the freshest, cleanest running water, as compared to the stagnant water which sits in a cistern. Jesus’ offer was intriguing. Her water only temporarily quenched thirst, but Jesus offered something that would fill her up so completely that it would flow out of her to others. What are you ‘thirsty’ for? Does it last? Does it produce life? Is Jesus offering you something better?

14 | Thu – Face the music | Read [John 4:16-24](#)

There is no second chance until we admit we need one. Jesus frankly described the reasons this woman needed a second chance but she changed the subject. What is your response when someone or something reveals an area that is not God-honoring? How wonderful that God does not stop but gently and persistently brings us back to face the issue. His purpose is not to shame us but to free us. Do you believe that?

15 | Fri – Wow! | Read [John 4:25-30](#)

In a very short space of time, this woman was dramatically changed by her encounter with Jesus. It propelled her back to town where this social outcast, unashamed, boldly announced that she had met a man who told her everything she had ever done. “Could He be the One?” she asked. Who in your life needs to hear that same question?

16 | Sat – Hearsay | Read [John 4:31-42](#)

This woman’s transformation so impacted her neighbors that they had to see the man she was talking about. Inviting Jesus to stay with them, they spent two days listening to His words, and many of them came to believe in Him - not because of the woman’s testimony, but because they heard Him for themselves. Do you need a second chance? Find out for yourself what Jesus has to say to you. It’s probably in the Book.

April 17 | Sun – The God of Second Chances: The Man Who Lived Among the Tombs



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