

Pastor Randy's short devotion for Monday, March 13th:

"The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." (John 4:15)

These are the words of the Samaritan woman who encountered Jesus at the well. As we get to know this woman, we understand she is suffering a lot of brokenness. The first clue is that she is bringing her water jar to be filled at the well at noon. All the other women in her community would be filling their water jars early in the morning. It was a social time, a time of support and of course a time of gossip. The woman comes to the well at noon to avoid all the women of her community. But when she comes to the well this day, she encounters Jesus and Jesus encounters the woman. Even though there is this bitter division between Jews and Samaritans, plus a social barrier of men talking to women in public and the barrier of a Rabbi teaching a woman, Jesus encounters the woman. Jesus draws her out a little at a time, telling her that if she would have known who was asking her to give him a drink, he would have given her living water, welling up to eternal life. Jesus is drawing her into God's love as he enters into her pain of being divorced five times or being widowed five times for being barren. We don't know, but Jesus knows. Jesus knows and he comes to draw her into his Father's love. Jesus knows you and me. Jesus knows our brokenness, our sin, and our hurts. Jesus always seeks you out, breaking through it all and draws you into his arms and declares, "I love you."