

Ponca City Christian

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Seeking, Serving, Sharing
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Devotional Christian

John 4:5-15 ~ Samaritan Woman ~

We all wear labels—labels related to our relationships, our occupations, our hobbies, our virtues, even our flaws. Some are a source of pride; other we try to shed. What are some of your labels?

One afternoon, a Samaritan woman went to the well. She likely went during the heat of the day to avoid her community since she carried significant shame. She must have been startled to find a Jewish man there, and more surprised when He asked her for a drink.

"You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman," she answered. Notice that she led with their labels and believed the lie that came with them. But Jesus responded with truth and grace. He focused on His identity and His gift for her. The woman's interest was piqued, and her longing revealed. Yet she continued to question Him. "You have nothing to draw with," she pointed out. "Are you greater than our father Jacob?" While she focused on physical things like the missing jug and deep well, Jesus wanted to satisfy her spiritual thirst and give her eternal life.

Just one conversation with Jesus changed the Samaritan woman's life. She left the well, sought out her community, relished being known by Jesus, and was used by Him to bring others to faith.

Our Lord's meeting with the Samaritan woman shows us that our deepest need is not for water to quench our physical thirst but for water to satisfy our spiritual thirst. He offers us living water and a new life if we'll accept it. Only Jesus can provide that living water, and those who receive it cannot help but tell others about Him.

Prayer

Dear God, give me the Living Water You promised to the Samaritan woman. I ask forgiveness for my sins. Let me have a relationship with You. Change me to be like You, to love, and delight in You.
Amen.



Prayer Group

Mondays
@ 1:30 pm
in the Chapel

Talking About Teenage Guy Stuff

Tuesdays
5:30 - 7:00 PM
Begins Feb. 28th

Pizza, Tacos, Burgers & Fries

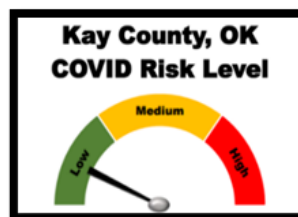
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Please let Pastor Stephen know if you plan to attend.

A Lenten Discussion Series

Wednesdays at Noon

(Bring Your Own Brown Bag Lunch)

- March 15, 2023 ... *Whoever divorces his wife*
- March 22, 2023 ... *You shall not swear falsely*
- March 29, 2023 ... *An eye for an eye*
- April 5, 2023 ... *You shall love your neighbor*



Giving in Review

As of February 28, 2022

Budgeted Expenses
\$54,750.00

Actual Expenses
Coming soon...

Income Received
\$44,500.48



Program Need: As you can imagine, the need is great, post-Covid. We use 2-4 volunteer tutors each Monday through Thursday. This service is easy to do. It's a short-term commitment, but it is a commitment. Tutor selects the day(s) of the week most convenient for them. Text or email Becky Davis if you can help. Thank you, friends!

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