

As a family
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SCRIPTURE
of the DAY

Ex 17 : 3-7

That we may drink!

Ps 94: 1-2, 6-9

He is our God!

Rom 5 :1-2, 5-8

Christ died for us!

Gospel of

St John 4: 5-42

Give me this water!



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Let's not be quick to judge. We don't know the details of her past. Maybe we don't need to. Maybe she mirrors our own lives. We too are people with a past, with a history. We are all like the Samaritan woman.

People like her and us, have a past. We live in fear of being found out. It is not just the fear that others will know the truth about the real us. We all long to be known and accepted at a deeper intimate level. That is what Jesus was asking of the Samaritan woman with a past, when he asked her, "Give me a drink." It is the invitation to let herself be known, to be loved. To allow oneself, to be loved is to be known.

We're invited to come to the well of Living Water that is Jesus Christ. At this well Jesus Christ washes us clean of our past. We receive new life and new possibilities spring forth. It frees us from the patterns and habits that keep us thirsty. This living water, Jesus became in the Samaritan woman "a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." This can be the same for us, who turn to Jesus.

Pray together as a family, each day of this week, even for a few moments, asking Jesus to fill each other with the living water of his love, that we will thirst only for HIM.

Man is like a traveler who, crossing the deserts of life, has a thirst for living water, gushing and fresh, capable of quenching his deep desire for light, love, beauty and peace. (Pope Francis, 8th May, 2013). ❖

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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH

3rd Sunday of Lent

SALT OF THE EARTH AND LIGHT OF THE WORLD: COMMUNION (INCLUSIVE), PARTICIPATION (CREATIVE) & MISSION (BRIDGE BUILDING)

MONTHLY FOCUS: FAMILY AND PRAYER

FOCUS EVENT: WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - LENTEN SEASON

THE LIVING WATER

She has a history. Things done and left undone, some good and some, not so good. Guilt and regrets, fears, wounds, sorrows and secrets too. She is a woman with a colorful past.

