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“Give me a drink.”

(John 4:7)

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Dare to ask

Dear friends of the word!

She was travelling alone, on foot, only carrying essential supplies. Every now and then she needed to fill up her water supply. If she met someone on her journey, she would ask for some water. Often people backed off at first, shy and insecure. When they heard her query ‘Can you please give me a drink of water?’ their confidence grew and often a conversation ensued – small and precious encounters.

St John talks about a similar meeting in his gospel. A Samaritan woman walked to a well in the midday heat to get some water. She’d come by herself which was unusual. She seemed to be an outcast, without any friends. She hadn’t found real life yet. Jesus sees her and understands immediately: There’s something wrong here. So, he -as a Jewish man, against the customs of the time- went over to her and asked her: “Give me a drink.” A deep conversation starts. The woman experiences - maybe for the first time in her life- true and sincere closeness. She felt accepted and understood. This experience filled her heart with such joy, that she forgot to take the jug of water back to the village.

If you ask nicely, you are inviting people to accept your gift (yourself). Unexpected encounters and the feeling of togetherness are the result, moments of peace. **Dare to ask!**

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