



But whoever drinks of the water that I will
give him will never be thirsty again. The water
that I will give him will become in him

**A SPRING OF WATER WELLING
UP TO ETERNAL LIFE.**

John 4:14



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KNOW WHAT:

- God is an incredibly generous God who loves us and always wants to provide the best for us. He has made us stewards of all that he has given us, to use wisely for ourselves and for others.
- Jesus went to a village in Samaria and waited at a well because he was thirsty. When a woman approached with a jar to collect water Jesus asked her for a drink .
- The woman was surprised because Jesus was a Jew and she was a Samaritan, they didn't usually get on. She asked Jesus a question that had been bothering her – was it right to worship on the mountain (like Samaritans do) or in the Temple (like Jews do)?
- Jesus said that one day the place that people worship won't matter anymore. Instead true worshippers will worship with their hearts. Jesus said that life with God always overflows, that what we get from him will never run out.

SO WHAT:

- Where we worship doesn't matter as much as how we worship. We should worship God with our hearts and our lives.

NOW WHAT:

- Let us thank God for his good gifts.
- Let us consider how we can reflect God's generosity in our own giving.

LUKE'S LETTERS:

One great truth that I have learnt over the last few years is that God never comes up short.

Whether it was providing comfort after the death of a friend, housing when we were about to outgrow our mouldy one bed flat, or money when I was starting my masters—God never comes up short.

That truth is a great challenge to me in how I live my life. How can I reflect God's generosity to me in friendship, in time, in money, and in family? How can I be like him, giving generously and sacrificially?

There are times when giving is hard, no matter what it is you give. It's hard to be vulnerable enough to forge strong friendships. It's hard to give up the time that creates space to invest in family. It's hard to balance the demands of every day life. What I keep learning is that if I try to reflect God's attitude in how I respond to those challenges then he will never come up short. It is impossible to 'out give' God. You cannot be more generous than him. That doesn't mean that everything is always easy. It doesn't mean that everything you give gets paid back. It does mean that he will always have you.

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