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### John 4:7, 9-10

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” . . . The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.”

### To ponder

I’m a Vietnam veteran, I did two tours in the jungle . . . and I came home from that. So I don’t pass the flowers up; I smell them. A lot of guys used to try to rush to get done, and maybe

get back to the garage and hang out a little bit. And that’s OK. Everybody has their own way. But I always like the street; I always like talking to the people.—Angelo Bruno, sanitation worker, in *Callings*

### God in the everyday

Going to the well to draw water was a simple, everyday chore. Like collecting the trash on the street, it must be done, over and over again, every day. Life-giving grace appears in the everyday moment in simple conversations with others.

Sometimes we long for amazing and outstanding moments to encounter God and rush past the small glimmers of grace in the everyday tasks of life. There is blessedness in greeting strangers and sharing a cup of water in the heat of the day. Jesus met the woman in her everyday chore with a simple request. In that moment, what she had to offer in drawing water became the very thing that carried the grace of God.

### Prayer

God of everyday life, in our daily tasks of living, show us your presence and grace. Meet us in the mundane, training our hearts to wonder at your life-giving hope in Jesus Christ. Amen.