

Moments of Beauty Week 10 - Water

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Neighborhood fountain. Photo credit: Kim La Rue

"Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?" Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." John 4:11-14

The image of water springing up in scripture is the image of life. Sometimes it is springing up from the desert, which is seemingly impossible. In this passage it is springing up from a disputed well. It is a well that has much history and controversy. Cultures clash at this well. People are either in or out of society here. It is here that Jesus rests and asks for a drink of water from a woman. There is so much going on in this story...layer upon layer. But for this moment of beauty...imagine that eternal life starts now. It is the Kingdom of God on earth as well as after death. It is life upon life. Refreshing and life giving. And as Jesus hands us this cup of water we are humbled and moved to let down our defenses and just listen to him. What are you hearing Jesus say to you today?