



DAY 1

THE DESIRE

Jesus replied, “If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water.”

“But sir, you don’t have a rope or a bucket,” [the Samaritan woman] said, “and this well is very deep. Where would you get this living water?” ...

Jesus replied, “Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life.”

— *John 4:10-11, 13-14 (NLT)*

DESIRING MORE

We're all searching for something in life. Whether you want to call it significance, purpose, meaning or something else, there is an innate desire in each of us for our lives to matter, to have significance and purpose. We each long to be something, to be someone.

But all too often we look to things such as career, status, wealth, relationships and accolades to give us a sense of purpose and significance. We look to temporary solutions rather than a permanent solution.

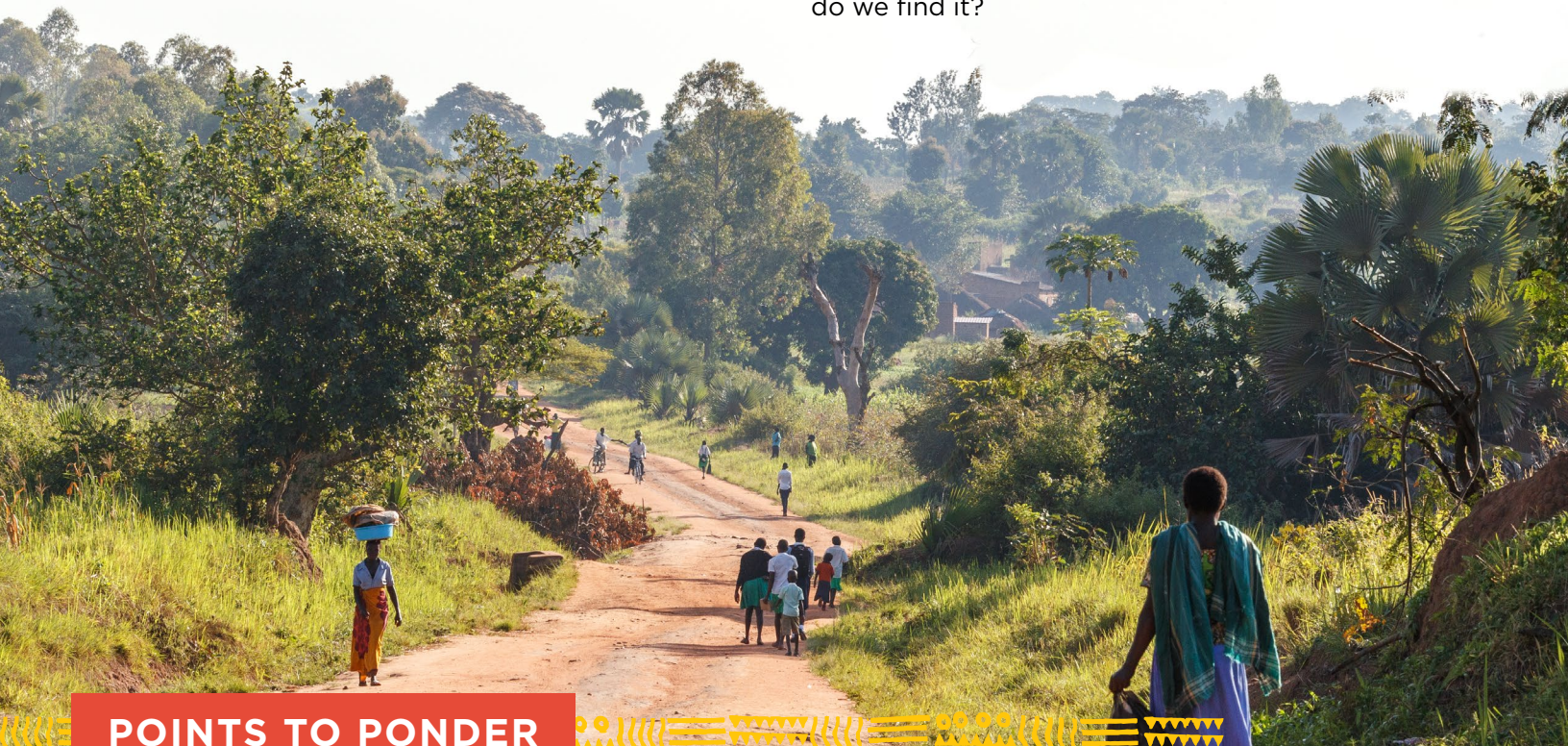
As followers of Christ, we know the truth (in our heads, if not in our hearts): Nothing on this earth can fully satisfy our longing for significance and worth — nothing apart from Jesus.

SATISFYING OUR THIRST

In John 4 we see Jesus talking to a Samaritan woman. This woman has to come to the well daily — maybe even multiple times a day — to satisfy her thirst. But Jesus says to her, “Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again” (John 4:13-14a). He's offering that same water to us! In him, our desperate thirst is quenched forever.

God has given us this desire to be known, to make a difference, to have our lives mean something in the end. It's just a matter of finding the right answer the right way and through the right source.

As we explore how our search for significance plays out in our daily lives, perhaps we should ask ourselves: What are we really seeking? And how do we find it?



POINTS TO PONDER

- ☛ In your search for meaning, purpose and significance, where do you often find yourself drawn? What solutions do you look toward?
- ☛ In what ways can you daily drink of this living water that Jesus offers us? How can you continuously find satisfaction in him rather than in temporary solutions?