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 life to matter, to have significance and purpose. We 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.
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 life, perhaps we should ask ourselves: What are we really seeking? And how do we find it?

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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?