Dear Families:

This week, we discussed the story in the Gospel of John that tells of Jesus' meeting with the woman at the well. Jesus and His disciples were traveling through Samaria, which was very unusual. The Jews and Samaritans didn't get along very well, and Jews usually avoided traveling through this land. Jesus' disciples had gone into town to buy food, leaving Jesus to rest by Jacob's well. A Samaritan woman came by to draw water. Jesus asked her for a drink. She was shocked that a Jew would even be talking to her! She told Jesus this, and He responded that if she knew who He was, she would be asking Him for a drink! He explained that He was the Messiah, and that all who drank His water of Life would never thirst again. The woman was incredulous, until He told her that she had already had five different husbands! The woman then believed and ran to get everyone who would listen. Jesus stayed in that Samaritan town and preached for two more days. Many people were saved because the Samaritan woman bothered to stop and listen to God.

Today is the third Sunday in the season of Lent. Throughout this season, we need to be reminded that we will die- it's inevitable. During first week of Lent, we were challenged to fast. In the second week of Lent, we were challenged to pray. This week, we are adding the spiritual discipline of Listening to God. Prayer is a great start, but it's a one-sided conversation. We also need to listen to God's response. Practice listening to God this week: read your Bible and don't "tune out" the parts that make you uncomfortable, lessen distractions, turn off the world and focus on God's message. We pray that you grow closer to God this week!

There are many ways to support the youth in their stewardship missions. There is an ongoing mini-rummage sale in Fellowship Hall. You can continue to bring in bottle slips. And the donation boxes in Fellowship Hall are always there. The bin that supports our church Blessing Box is also in constant need of items. We appreciate any and all support you can give to God!

Thank you for being with us today!

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