

The Living Water THE SAMARITAN WOMAN.



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"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

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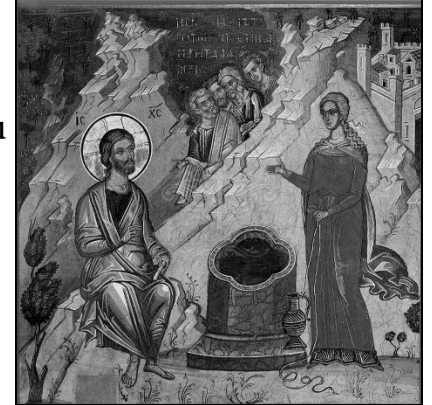
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Getting corrected

Has anybody ever corrected you when you did the wrong thing? Maybe your parents or your teacher corrected you when you treated somebody the wrong way, or when you did your schoolwork wrong, or even when you had bad manners at a meal! Sometimes, you might feel like you're *always* getting corrected!



In today's Gospel reading, we hear about the woman who met Jesus, as she went to get water at the well. She talked with Him. He knew about her, and He knew she had done some wrong things. He knew she didn't understand the truth about God. So, in a gentle way, Jesus corrected her. He set her on the right way.

But how did the woman act? Was she angry with Jesus for correcting her? Did she tell Him she was still going to do things *her* way? No! She took Jesus's correction, and she listened to Him. She began to change her life, and she began to change what she knew about God. She knew that Jesus wanted to help her, so she was thankful for the correction!

Let's listen to this great example today! When our parents or our priest or our teachers correct us, let's be ready for it. Let's listen and remember they are trying to help us. And if we have to correct somebody, let's do it in a gentle way, just as we hear how our Lord did in the story today!

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- ANDRONIKOS
- APOSTLES
- CHRIST IS RISEN
- CORRECT
- GOOD NEWS
- JUNIA
- PHOTINI
- SEND FORTH
- WELL

N P U D W D G R P I S L T C B
 Y E G C W M A Q O Q O F L J V
 G O S L A C K D F A K M S E L
 P O B I F L I A H P I D O Q W
 J L O Q R P F T A H N Y W V C
 O A Z D E S R R S O O V C R R
 O K U N N O I O U T R Q B Y C
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 X E Q D X X W O S N N T Z O P
 Q E N B T O M S D I A Q R W D
 U E E W F L R H Q H R R D F J
 S E N A B Y W B V Z E H S C M
 X R H Q O T H K K C D P C F X
 A P O S T L E S T Y I X L T Z
 A I N U J A D Q P L G K G D S

What's in an icon?

Did you know the woman at the well is a saint in our Church? Her name is Photini!

You can see her in this icon. Along the edge you can see her family. Photini told her family about Christ, and they are saints too!



HOW MANY APOSTLES?

SAINTS ANDRONIKOS AND JUNIA

Do you know how many apostles there were? Well, that's a trick question! Remember, Jesus had 12 disciples at first, the apostles. But the word "apostle" means "sent out." These faithful people were "sent out" to tell the world about Jesus Christ, and about all He did for us.

Besides those 12, the Bible also talks about 70 more apostles, who were sent out to tell the good news. Today, we celebrate the nameday of two of those 70 apostles—Saints Andronikos and Junia. We don't know too much about these saints. We don't know if they were husband and wife, or brother and sister.

But in the Bible, in the book of Romans we read what Saint Paul wrote about them: "Greet Andronikos and Junia, my relatives who were in prison with me; they are prominent among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was." So we know that these two were sent out to tell about Christ, but they suffered for doing that. They even went to prison with Saint Paul! Our Lord asks us to go out to all the world and tell others about God. He really sends us out! So we can try to be faithful and brave apostles too...like these two saints!



Here are Saints Andronikos and Junia, along with Saint Athanasios, another saint of the day

We remember these two saints today, Sun. May 17th (May 30, OC).