

IF ANYONE THIRSTS

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INTRODUCTION

These four little chapters are based on John 7:37-38 and they are all about living day to day in the fullness of the blessed Holy Spirit. He is God's precious gift to us and the reality of Jesus and the Father manifested in us. I pray that this booklet will bless and inspire you and draw you into deeper waters. Drink deep and be filled, in Jesus' name, amen!

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Chapter 1

Thirst For Living Water

(John 7:37-38)

On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."

This message is an open invitation from Jesus who has made it possible for us to experience holy hydration in the power of the Holy Spirit. Religion leaves us dry and thirsty and working hard to please, but Jesus gives us the ever flowing water that refreshes and restores. Friend, are you thirsty and longing for more? There is a River that never runs dry. A River that flows from the mountain of the Most High". However much you drink of His love, there is always more, and still some more! Jesus promised the people who were gathered in the synagogue that day that they could be filled and flowing in the limitless and glorious power of His Spirit and He says the same to you and me today. What an offer!

What a promise, but how do we step into this amazing River?

Thirst. Jesus said “If anyone thirsts”. We can drink as much as we might desire. There is no limit to how much we can drink of our limitless God and no one can stop us having more, except ourselves. How thirsty are you for the living water? How tired are you of the same old same old? Plans and programs are all very good but they cannot take us into the depths of the River, where we can freely drink. Jesus is calling you to dive in and take a deep drink of His presence today. He has more for you than you ever imagined – all the wonderful glory of heaven - and you begin to see it when you get thirsty and drink! Maybe your heart feels dry and you know there is something missing, but you are not really feeling a thirst. You can get thirsty by beginning to drink. When you taste of the presence of God, you begin to thirst for more. In the natural realm, your thirst ceases when you take a drink of water; but when you taste of the reality of the Holy Spirit, you begin to want more and still more! It excites a thirst deep within you which will never be stilled, so long as you keep coming back to drink from the River. You can drink forever of His presence and never stop! So taste and see that the Lord is good. The more you have, the more you want, and the more you want, the more He fills you – it is an amazing dynamic that can change your life forever! God wants to fill His

thirsty kids with the ever flowing River that comes from His glorious throne. He has more in store!

Perhaps you are thinking back to the times you used to be really thirsty and hungry for the presence of God and wondering why you do not feel that way anymore. It could be that you drank progressively less of the presence of the Lord until you stopped feeling any thirst at all. Or maybe you have been trying to get rid of an unwanted habit or addiction, or a situation with sin. The answer is to get filled up with God! Paul wrote to the Ephesian church (Ephesians 5:18) that they should get filled with the Holy Spirit rather than getting drunk on wine. This was his formula and it works!

The Lord is calling you into sweet communion with Him once more, dear friend. He wants you to set aside time to drink of the River again, and see the glory of His presence filling you with abundant love and joy. As you hunger and thirst for the sweet presence of Jesus, you are heading for higher ground. There will be more of Him and less of you!

Friend, believe that your breakthrough is just around the corner. Whatever you have been seeking can be found in His presence. Draw near to Jesus and He will draw near to you (James 4:8). Seek Him and you will find Him when you seek Him with all your heart (Jeremiah 29:13). As you hunger and thirst for the Lord and His

righteousness, you surely will be filled (Matthew 5:6), but only to hunger and thirst once more, hallelujah! May you be richly refreshed and filled anew as you tap into the unending Source, and drink forever from the glorious Rivers of the waters of Life. **“Come sweet Holy Spirit, and fall afresh on me. I am so thirsty for the waters of life.”**

Chapter 2

Receive From Me

(John 7:37-38)

Jesus wanted to get the attention of the assembled people that day in the temple, and He wants to do the same with us today! He felt so strongly about the futility of empty religious practices that He could hardly contain Himself. He stood up and cried out with a passion, appealing to the people to turn away from the imitation and come to Him for the real thing. He is standing up before you and me today as He appeals to us to take a deep drink.

Focus on Jesus. Jesus said *“Let him come to Me and drink”*. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. It is through Jesus that we receive all the infinity of the Father’s love and the waters of Life. Today the Lord

says to you “just come to Me”. We often turn to people around us for help when we have direct access to the throne room through the precious blood of Jesus. We may cultivate people who we believe are anointed and filled with the Holy Spirit, when God has filled us and calls us His holy temple (1 Corinthians 6:19) and wants intimate relationship with us. There is nothing wrong with receiving the help of Godly people, so long as we remember that our help really comes from the Lord. Our strength comes from His hand. Our breakthrough comes from the power of His presence and from yielding to His Spirit. Dear friend, Jesus is calling you to place your focus back on Him. His grace and love are more than sufficient for you. He has an abundance of heavenly blessing awaiting you. His provision, healing, and peace are flowing towards you from the fullness of the River even now, hallelujah! You can lift up your heart and hands to Him right now and say “I come to You Lord Jesus and I long to drink of the fullness of Your Spirit. Take me deeper, take me closer and let the Rivers of living water flow through me.” He has so much more in store for you!

The feast of Tabernacles was a celebration of the harvest, and a memorial of God’s presence and provision during Israel’s forty years in the wilderness. It lasted a week, and the last day was the most festive and joyful. (Leviticus 23 & Numbers 29). There were many rituals

observed each day of the feast and one of these was the commemoration of God's provision of water out of the rock of Meribah (Exodus 17:1-7). Jesus said "Come to Me and drink" because He was reminding the people that He alone is the Rock of our salvation and our source of eternal life. The people were focusing on the physical water God gave them in the past when the Source of heavenly water was right there before them and they could drink as much as they wanted if they only acknowledged who He was. Perhaps you have known the sweetness of the Holy Spirit in the past, and you know what it is to fellowship with Him. Maybe you have many testimonies of how God manifested His presence in and through you some years ago. He wants the same for you today! He has more wonderful testimonies for you, through divine encounters and heavenly revelations. He is calling you to come to Him and begin to partake of the living waters once more. With the Rivers of life in you, you will be unstoppable! There is so much more than you ever thought you could know. God has an unending supply and it is all available to you!

It is never too late for you to learn to drink from the eternal Spring! God often saves the best for the last. When Jesus turned water into wine (John 2) in Cana, the master of the banquet commented that the best wine had been kept for the last. Similarly, on the last day of the

feast, Jesus rose up and expressed His heart. We see from the beginning of Chapter 7 that He was constantly challenged by antagonism, and pressed to prove Himself, while people around Him (the Savior) were just going through the motions and heading for hell. He was the Way and the way-maker, but they were unable to see. Finally, when the feast was nearly over, He stood up and cried out, urging people to come to Him for the eternal drink. Friend, it is never too late for you to begin to drink of the sweet waters of the Holy Spirit. Jesus has made it possible for you and me to live in the reality of His River and to drink of the living waters every day. He is making all things new! If you have never known the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, step into the River today. There is always more that we could know so just lift your heart and hands to Him and invite Him to come and fill you up. There is a River that flows from the throne of God and these waters are filled with healing, freedom and Life (Revelations 22:1). Your breakthrough is here and not a moment too late!

I want to pray my favorite prayer over you today “Precious Holy Spirit, please come”! “Come and fill this dear brother and sister reading this message, and let them receive the heavenly living water into the very deepest places of their being. Let their lives be so touched by your holy fire that they will never be the same again, in Jesus’ name, amen!”

Chapter 3

Believe! (John 7:37-38)

God wants to pour out His Spirit on His sons and daughters as He promised through the prophet Joel (2:28) many thousands of years ago, and Jesus opened the way for this prophecy to be fulfilled by the power of His shed blood. Jesus stood up in the temple that day and invited the people to come and receive the fullness of the Spirit from Him, but there was a condition - faith! He said *He who believes in Me*".

Believe! Whatever you are crying out to God for, He says to you today "Believe"! The Holy Spirit wants to touch you as you read this message and restore your hope. He wants to flow into you and renew your faith. You may be surrounded by conflict or betrayal, or wondering how you are going to pay your bills; maybe you have been living with an infirmity from which you really need to get free. Hear His voice today as He says *"He/she who believes in Me, will receive endless rivers of living water. They are the waters of Life. They are the healing waters that flow from My holy throne in Revelations 22. They are waters that break the curses of infirmity, bondage, lack, family breakdown and discouragement. Look back over the years and see how*

I have never let you down. I have always come through for you, and there is more I have for you.”

Dear friend, when you step into the River of the Holy Spirit, you step into your destiny. It is in the mighty Holy Spirit that you can experience the fullness of everything God has promised you. The precious Holy Spirit is speaking to two groups of people today:

- 1) You precious people who once knew the power of the Holy Spirit in your everyday life, but your faith took a beating over a period of time and you lost sight of the power that flowed within you. You may be feeling like you have no faith to believe for your miracle but God is restoring your faith. He is calling you back to the promises and prophetic words He gave you. He is calling you to feed on His Word. He is calling forth those waters of life from the depths of your innermost being as He enables you to believe once more. There is a breakthrough on the way. There are answers to your prayers which are about to be manifested in your life! Believe and expect to receive as you let the River flow deep into you once more.

- 2) The dear people who have never drunk of the heavenly River, or seen the powerful working of the Holy Spirit in their lives. The Father is

calling you into a new level of faith, and a new level of power. He wants to fill you with His presence and show you what it really means to be in relationship with Him. He says to you “*my child, believe, because all things are possible with Me*”. Dear friend, believe that God has only the best plans for you, and that is why He gave you His very best – Jesus. He wants to fill you with His Spirit and teach you what it is to be a son and a daughter, and the much loved child of the King! As you step into the River, those living waters will begin to wash away your fears and bubble up in you with new joy. It is a change of season and there is more in store. There is a total turnaround for you, hallelujah!

Jesus said “Believe in Me”. Many of us find it easier to believe in ourselves, or our leaders, churches, or systems than to believe in the person of Jesus, His reality, love and saving power. He is the Word made flesh, He is the Alpha and Omega, He is the Mighty God and the Prince of Peace. Set your eyes back on Jesus, and you will see how things change in your life. As you take Him at His Word and believe in Him, there is a River that gushes forth and overflows. There is faith that rises up. Transformation begins to happen when we fix our eyes on the Beautiful

One, and the power of the Holy Spirit flows when we fall in love with Him! Just set your heart on Jesus and ask Him to fill you afresh with the glorious person of the Holy Spirit. He has promised: *“He who believes in Me, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.”* God has something wonderful for you and I pray that you will step into all His best as you open your heart and receive the fullness and power of the Holy Spirit, not just for today but forever, in Jesus’ mighty name, amen.

Chapter 4

Rivers Of Living Waters

(John 7:37-38)

As I pray in the Spirit and begin to write this message with Him, I see a vision of a rising river. It is flooding over and rushing fast, about to burst its banks, and I hear the word “overflow”. There is an overflow for you today as you receive this word from the Lord, and I pray that every hindrance in your life will fall away as the power of the precious Holy Spirit rises up from the depths of you, and overflows.

Out of your heart. Some versions say “out of his innermost being”. The overflow takes place from within you. The blessed Holy Spirit came to live inside you the day you received Jesus as Lord. As you yield yourself to Him, He rises and overflows to engulf everything in your life and to touch the lives of others through you. The River is rising from your innermost being, from the very core of you, the spirit man. God has declared you His holy temple (1 Corinthians 6:19) and He is within you, and a part of everything you do. The more you permit Him to permeate what you say and do, the more you will experience the upward flow. Many people ask God for more of His presence but not many desire to live a life that is consecrated unto Him and yielded to the Holy Spirit. God is calling you to your season of “More”. He is inviting you deeper into the realms of the Spirit, to have more of what you have tasted and seen is good. Let the Holy Spirit arise and take over everything. Give yourself completely to Him and let Him overflow!

Rivers of living water. The Holy Spirit brings all the glorious blessedness of heaven as He flows; He is a River of salvation, Rivers of healing, Rivers of deliverance, Rivers of joy, a River of holiness, a River of Truth, and so much more. He is the perfect expression of all the limitless power of heaven. There are multiple aspects of the anointing of the Holy Spirit and many streams of the ministry He brings, which is why Jesus

spoke about “rivers” and not *a* river. Too many of us limit the Holy Spirit by our own beliefs about what we think He does or does not do. Almighty God wants to manifest His powerful presence into and through you and you can experience and know any and every aspect of the multiple Rivers of the Spirit if you so desire and receive in faith. His grace is abundant and infinite.

The waters are meant to flow. The Holy Spirit is living in you and He wants to flow out through you. He was never meant to be a lake, but a flowing river! When the Holy Spirit fell in the Upper Room on the day of Pentecost two thousand years ago, He brought total transformation. The fire that fell on the disciples burned into them a passion for Jesus and set others on fire too. He does the same for you and me. Those inner Waters can never become a stagnant pool if we reach out daily to people who need the love of God. This makes the River flow. You are a releaser of life and glory and a conduit for the River of heaven, and the more you give away, the more you receive. Jesus said “Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give” (Matthew 10:8), hallelujah!

There is an old song which you may know, and the words are as follows:

“There is a River that flows from deep within. There is a fountain to cleanse a soul from sin. Come to the waters, there is a vast supply. There is a River that never shall run dry.”

The River flows from the throne of God (Revelations 22:1) into our spirits (innermost being) as we receive by faith, and it rises up as an infinite fountain of salvation, healing, and deliverance. As you come to Jesus and drink deeply of the sweet crystal waters of His presence, you drink of eternity’s treasures. You begin to overflow!

My prayer is that you will so yield to the Spirit that you will constantly be in a state of overflow! It is your season of increase and acceleration. It is your season to step into the realms of glory! Be filled, and refreshed today, and overflow to touch lives in a new and wonderful way, in Jesus’ name, amen!

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