

Let The Rivers Flow!

I. The Scripture

(NIV84) Jn 7:37 On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. **38** Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.” **39** By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

A. *Streams of living water will flow from within him. 39 By this he meant the Spirit*

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1. Water and Spirit
 - a. Water has always meant the Word of God and
 - b. Spirit has always meant life.
2. Meaning his word shall come forth, as freely as water, from the lips of his children, bringing life to all who will receive them.

B. This is an important principle for all believers to recognize. Again, Jesus said: **38** **Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.” 39 By this he meant the Spirit,**

1. Every believer will have streams of living water that will flow from within him.
2. An analysis of this means that believers have the ability to share life with others from the life that is within them.
 - a. This makes great sense when you think about it.

C. Jesus restored what man lost from the beginning. Now, every true believer in Jesus has much more available to him than he recognizes.

1. Many will be ashamed when they come to realize the potential that God has given them and their failure to walk in that potential.
2. The spirit can overflow from within every believer and give life to whosoever receives him.
3. Each true believer has him and The Holy Spirit is life!
4. We are witnesses to his power within us!

D. How does he flow? By the words we speak!

(NIV84) Pr 18:21 The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

1. We can speak words of life or we can speak words of death.
2. We must be careful how we speak. Careful how we speak to others.
3. The believer has the ability to speak life into others.
4. The believer speaks life to others by using the word of God which is life.

E. Jesus said: **(NIV84) Jn 6:63 The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.**

1. Words of the flesh count for nothing.
 - a. We should be mindful of the gift that has been given to us. The gift of the Spirit. Meaning the ability to give life to circumstances.
2. When you are hearing the word of God, you are hearing the words of life.
3. It is our hearing of these words and then speaking of them to others causes us to become rivers of living water.

F. Think again of what Jesus said:

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1. We have the ability with the words we speak to lead others to eternal life!

WE HAVE THE ABILITY WITH THE WORDS WE SPEAK TO LEAD OTHERS TO ETERNAL LIFE!

2. The rivers of living water can flow from within us, if we allow the rivers to flow.

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G. Let there be a stirring of the waters. Let there be a stirring of the healing waters. Let the spirit flow and then with the words of your mouth let the streams of living water come forth from within you to a dry desert land and cause it to bloom giving life to all that drink of it.

H. We are the children of God created in his image and likeness. Just as God gave life to man by his spirit, we give of the spirit of God, in us, to others by the words we speak.

(KJV 1900) Ge 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

1. Man was a lifeless form until the breath of God, the Spirit of God, gave man life.
2. The Spirit is life the flesh counts for nothing.

3. The Spirit is the power of God and he has been given to us for us to do the works of God.

¿WHAT GREATER WORKS CAN A MAN DO THAN SHARING THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE WITH HIS BROTHER?

- I. The word and the spirit always go together.
(KJV 1900) Ge 1:1 IN the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. 2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep.
Notice, the earth was a lifeless form. God had spoken but when he spoke he spoke with the spirit and the spirit gave life
And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. 3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.
 1. Here is the power of the word of God and the Spirit of God.
 2. Inside of every believer dwells the spirit and dependent upon the word the individual has fed upon comes the power to give life.
- J. This is the reason we must study the word of God. The quality of the word we have, united with the spirit determines the flow of the river that comes forth out of us.
 1. Some of us are just a trickle
 2. I believe that as Disciples of Christ, the members of Guiding Light have the ability to fulfill what Jesus said would happen.
 - a. **(KJV 1900) Jn 7:38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.**
- K. To the members of The Guiding Light Church I say
(NIV84) Mt 5:13 “You are the salt of the earth.But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. 14 “You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.16 In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.
 1. Speak the words of life so that men and women might experience the life that Christ desires for them to have.
 2. You are the ones that carry the living water of the word of God.
 3. If you don't share with people, how are they going to know the truth?

BE THE SALT AND LIGHT AND LET THE GLISTENING WATERS FLOW FROM WITHIN YOU

(NIV84) Ro 10:14 How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?

L. Let the world know the truth by allowing the truth to come out of your mouth!

LET THE RIVERS OF LIVING WATERS FLOW!

(NIV84) Eph 4:29 Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

1. See, your words can build up people!

M. This is so important in this day and age:

(NIV84) Php 2:14 Do everything without complaining or arguing, **15** so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe **16** **as you hold out the word of life**

—in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor for nothing.

1. We must let the world know the truth. We must let the rivers of living waters that is within us flow out of our mouths. We must help to bring salvation to this dying sin sick world!

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N. This is the will of our father in heaven that we be fruitful and we multiply his presence in the earth.

O. The Lord said: to the woman at the well.

(NIV84) Jn 4:9 The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

10 Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and **he would have given you living water.**”

11 “Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? **12** Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his flocks and herds?” **13** Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again,

14 but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

1. We have this water within us. We must let it flow!
 2. We must share with everyone we meet the truth of the salvation that we have in Jesus Christ.
 3. This is the expectation that Christ has of his disciples!
- P. We multiply his presence in the earth by the words of our mouth that flows from depths of the Holy Spirit within our hearts.
1. It is the same word that overpowers the shackles of Satan and gives freedom to the captives.
(NIV84) Re 12:11 They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony;

they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.
 2. Because Christ dwells within us his word and his spirit give us the ability to overcome Satan by the confession of the word of God in our mouths.
- Q. The power of God is within us to give life to everyone we meet!
1. Therefore, let us speak the words of life, the words of salvation, the words of Jesus Christ to everyone we meet.
Isa 43:18 Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. 19 See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland.
 - a. The new thing is the new creation. People who have been rejected by the world will be the ones that give life to those that rejected them.
 - (1) You become new able to bless those that may have more than you but you with your less are still fulfilled.
 - b. Through the words we speak, the word of God we provide true living water to those that are thirsty.
 - c. We give them an opportunity to begin anew with God. Reconciled into God by Jesus Christ.
 - d. We continue his work in the earth
 - e. What a blessing to be of service to God! What an awesome and wonderful blessing!
- R. We are to evangelize the world with the water that flows from within us. We are to give to all to drink of this living water.
(NIV84) Mt 28:18 Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and **make disciples of all nations,**

baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

20 and **teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.**

And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

1. We are to do more than show the love of God, we are to share the word of God!

CHRISTIANS OUGHT TO DO MORE THAN EXPERIENCE THE LOVE OF GOD, THEY OUGHT TO EXPOUND THE WORD OF GOD

- S. Now it is time you let the Lord feel your cup so that you may overflow with the rivers of living waters so that men and women might hear the gospel truth and be saved!

IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO EVANGELIZE THE WORLD WITH THE WORD THAT YOU KNOW!

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