

LET THE RIVER FLOW

Dr. John Polis | 01.11.26 | Part One

John 7:37-38 NKJV *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. 38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.”*

Before we go to the River, we must go to the Well.

The Well is for you, the River is for others.

John 4:3-18 NKJV *He left Judea and departed again to Galilee. 4 But He needed to go through Samaria. 5 So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. 6 Now Jacob’s well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour. 7 A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give Me a drink.” 8 For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. 9 Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, “How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?” For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. 10 Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew*

the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." 11 The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? 12 Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?" 13 Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." 15 The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." 16 Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." 17 The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,' 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly."

We will learn many truths pertaining to the God Life in this important story that has been recorded for us by the Spirit inspired writers of the New Testament.

1. Sin does not satisfy our spiritual need.

***John 4:16-18 NKJV** Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." 17 The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,' 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly."*

- She was on her sixth man and living with a man not her husband. Searching through another human to satisfy her heart.

***Psalms 146:3 NKJV** Do not put your trust in princes, nor in a son of man, in whom there is no help.*

- Mankind is spiritually thirsty for the Creator God.

***Psalm 42:1-2 NKJV** As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for You, O God. 2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?*

- Fellowship With God - hearing the voice of God.

***Genesis 3:8-10 NKJV** And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9 Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, “Where are you?” 10 So he said, “I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.”*

- Enjoying the Presence of God

***Psalm 51:11 NKJV** Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.*

***Psalm 16:11 NKJV** You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

2. God is the Source of Living Water

***John 4:10 NKJV** Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.”*

***Jeremiah 2:13 NKJV** “For My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, and hewn themselves cisterns—broken cisterns that can hold no water.*

- Read from phone, two are man’s effort.
- Dig a well, Catch rain water in cistern, or find a moving water, living water, a stream.

- The Living water is Eternal Life, Life of God in man.

***John 4:13-14 NKJV** Jesus answered and said to her, “Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.”*

3. You Must Ask

- God waits for you to have desire.
- If you know, you can ask. **How can they here without a preacher.**

***John 4:10 NKJV** Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.”*

- Our job.

***Romans 10:14 NKJV** How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?*

***Mark 11:24 NKJV** Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.*

***Matthew 21:22 NKJV** And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.*

***1 John 5:14-15 NKJV** Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 15 And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.*

Luke 11:9-13 NKJV “So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. **10** For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. **11** If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? **12** Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? **13** If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”

- Can't worship what you don't know.

John 4:21-22 NKJV Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. **22** You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews.

- Worship means to “ascribe worth” God seeks worship He deserves.

Revelation 4:11 NKJV “You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created.”

- Recognize Him as Creator, Savior and King, we are in awe and act reverently in His Presence.

4. **The Source/Well is within you.**

John 4:13-14 NKJV Jesus answered and said to her, “Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, **14** but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.”

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 NKJV Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? **20** For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

- God Inside Minded
- If I could just get here or there, *don't need a geographical location to drink.*

John 4:19-20 NKJV The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. **20** Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship."

5. Learn To Draw

- "Wells" of salvation. That well can save you from everything.

Isaiah 12:3 NKJV Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

Romans 5:10 NKJV For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

- Well of Peace, Joy, Health, strength, wisdom, miracles and whatever you need.

Proverbs 18:4 NKJV The words of a man's mouth are deep waters; The wellspring of wisdom is a flowing brook.

- Prayer and Praise. They drew out a miracle of deliverance.

Acts 16:25 NKJV But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.