

LET THE RIVER FLOW

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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.”*

The Well we spoke of last week can turn into a River. The Well is mainly for our own satisfaction and needs, while the River becomes a source of blessing to others.

1. The River brings Life and Healing everywhere.

Ezekiel 47:1-9 NKJV *Then he brought me back to the door of the temple; and there was water, flowing from under the threshold of the temple toward the east, for the front of the temple faced east; the water was flowing from under the right side of the temple, south of the altar. 2 He brought me out by way of the north gate, and led me around on the outside to the outer gateway that faces east; and there was water, running out on the right side. 3 And when the man went out to the east with the line in his hand, he measured one thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the water came up to my ankles. 4 Again he measured one thousand and*

brought me through the waters; the water came up to my knees. Again he measured one thousand and brought me through; the water came up to my waist. **5** Again he measured one thousand, and it was a river that I could not cross; for the water was too deep, water in which one must swim, a river that could not be crossed. **6** He said to me, "Son of man, have you seen this?" Then he brought me and returned me to the bank of the river. **7** When I returned, there, along the bank of the river, were very many trees on one side and the other. **8** Then he said to me: "This water flows toward the eastern region, goes down into the valley, and enters the sea. When it reaches the sea, its waters are healed. **9** And it shall be that every living thing that moves, wherever the rivers go, will live. There will be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters go there; for they will be healed, and everything will live wherever the river goes.

A. Increase of the flow is God's intention. We don't need to stay at the same level.

Colossians 2:19 NKJV and not holding fast to the Head, from whom all the body, nourished and knit together by joints and ligaments, grows with the increase that is from God.

B. We see the illustrations of Increase in all areas, and it comes in 3 levels

- Increase of Fruit of our prayer life, getting more results.

John 15:1-8 NKJV "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. **2** Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. **3** You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. **4** Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. **5** "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. **6** If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into

the fire, and they are burned. 7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. 8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

- Increase of Spiritual Understanding produced by WOG

***Mark 4:26-28 NKJV** And He said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground, 27 and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how. 28 For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head.*

- Increase of Anointing. Ezekiel 47

2. He Cuts Out Channels In the Rocks.

***Job 28:10 NKJV** He cuts out channels in the rocks, and his eye sees every precious thing.*

***Job 28:10 KJV** He cutteth out rivers among the rocks; and his eye seeth every precious thing.*

A. We are Living Stones

***1 Peter 2:5 NKJV** you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*

B. Rock is Hard so it takes time, moving water smooths the stones.

- We can be hard to work with, absolute surrender required. Self will must end.
- Total obedience will release the River in you.

Matthew 16:21-25 NKJV From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day. **22** Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!" **23** But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men." **24** Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. **25** For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

C. We learn to Let The River Flow.

3. Three Levels of the River correspond to the 3 fold Anointing of Jesus.

A. Prophet, Priest and King. Ankles, Knees and Loins.

- Prophet - spoke the Word of God, revealed mysteries

Mark 6:1-6 NKJV Then He went out from there and came to His own country, and His disciples followed Him. **2** And when the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue. And many hearing Him were astonished, saying, "Where did this Man get these things? And what wisdom is this which is given to Him, that such mighty works are performed by His hands! **3** Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?" So they were offended at Him. **4** But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house." **5** Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. **6** And He marveled because of their unbelief. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching.

- Priest - made Offering

***Hebrews 3:1 NKJV** Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus,*

- King - ruled and defeated enemies

***Revelation 19:16 NKJV** And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.*

- B. We have received this 3 fold anointing and it can increase as channels increase.

***Revelation 1:5-6 NKJV** and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, **6** and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

4. Learning to Flow In the Prophetic Anointing, water to the Ankles

- A. Learn to let God's Word dominate your conversation.

***2 Peter 1:16-21 NKJV** For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. **17** For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." **18** And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. **19** And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; **20** knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, **21** for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.*

- B. Associate with "company" where prophetic anointing operates.

1 Samuel 10:5-7 NKJV After that you shall come to the hill of God where the Philistine garrison is. And it will happen, when you have come there to the city, that you will meet a group of prophets coming down from the high place with a stringed instrument, a tambourine, a flute, and a harp before them; and they will be prophesying. **6** Then the Spirit of the Lord will come upon you, and you will prophesy with them and be turned into another man. **7** And let it be, when these signs come to you, that you do as the occasion demands; for God is with you.

- Prophetic people who don't stay in company get weird, Pride leads to deception.

Proverbs 15:33 NKJV The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom, and before honor is humility.

Proverbs 18:12 NKJV Before destruction the heart of a man is haughty, and before honor is humility.

Proverbs 22:4 NKJV By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches and honor and life.

- You have a company.

Acts 4:23 NKJV And being let go, they went to their own companions and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them.

- Rock Tumbler illustration, life gets real after the Honeymoon.

C. Learn language of Holy Spirit. (notice 3 aspects)

1 Corinthians 14:3 NKJV But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men.

Ephesians 4:29-30 NKJV *Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.*

- Build Up, Stir Up, Cheer Up the hearers, ministers grace/anointing.

D. Use Your Faith.

Romans 12:3-6 NKJV *For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. 4 For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, 5 so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. 6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith;*

Job 22:28 NKJV *You will also declare a thing, and it will be established for you; so light will shine on your ways.*