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The pandemic has left most of us spiritually, emotionally, and mentally out of gas and we need Jesus more than ever! It left us relationally isolated and inwardly full of fear & anxiety. And though the pandemic is largely over and things are getting “back to normal” most signs indicate that people are not just bouncing back. Maybe there are some deeper, darker issues being exposed. Maybe God is using the worldwide trial as a means of calling us back to Himself as the source and meaning of real life!

Read this passage that Pastor Brandon highlighted on Sunday and take some time to identify the “broken cisterns” you have turned to for life in the past few years.

- Jeremiah 2:11-13

By contrast, God refers to Himself as *“the fountain of living waters.”*

Read these additional passages that speak of God as living water.

Why do you think God uses this image to represent Himself?

- John 4:7-14
- John 7:37-39
- Revelation 7:9-17
- Revelation 21:1-7

God’s solution to our empty “gas tanks” is Himself! We desperately need to draw near to Jesus. We need to be refilled with the glorious resources of His strength and love. This leads us to the primary passage or prayer, which is the focus of this series. Take time to read and begin to meditate and memorize Paul’s prayer for the church.

Ephesians 3:14-21 (Use Multiple Translations)

Also, take time to read through several of Paul’s other prayers for the church and make note of the kinds of things he prays for.

Write down or circle the way he prays and what he prays for in his prayers. Write down specific resources that you need in your life.

- Ephesians 1:15-23
- Ephesians 6:16-20
- Philippians 1:3-11
- Colossians 1:3-14
- 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3
- 2 Thessalonians 1:3,11-12

Precious Lord Jesus, I must confess that the past few years have taken their toll on my soul. My tank is nearly empty. I’ve turned to things other than you to cope, to make life work, and it hasn’t worked. Jesus, I need you! I want you! I come to seek You, not with a demanding spirit, but humbly. I need YOU! I need to experience the reality of your love! I need the strength that only comes from Your Spirit! I need the wisdom that only comes from Your Truth! I come Lord Jesus to realign my life with Your Kingdom Purposes! Amen