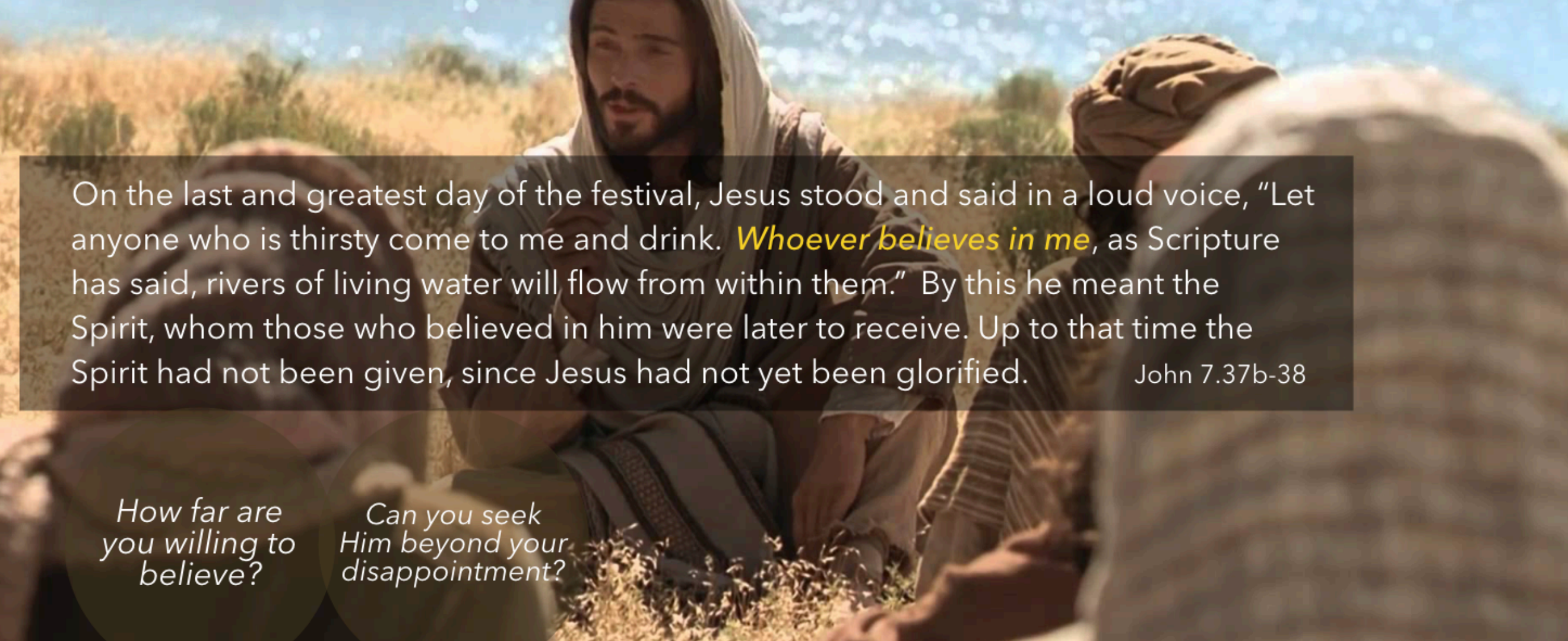


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OVERFLOW




Who are you looking for?

A photograph of Jesus sitting in a field, surrounded by people. He is wearing a white robe and a white head covering. He is holding a small object in his hands. The background is a bright, sunny outdoor setting with green grass and a blue sky. A semi-transparent dark box is overlaid on the image, containing text.

On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. **Whoever believes in me**, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." 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. John 7.37b-38

*How far are
you willing to
believe?*

*Can you seek
Him beyond your
disappointment?*

A photograph of Jesus sitting in a field of tall grass, teaching a group of people. He is wearing a white robe and a white head covering. The background shows a bright blue sky and a field of golden grass. A semi-transparent dark grey box is overlaid on the image, containing text. Two overlapping dark grey circles are in the bottom left corner, containing text.

Seek Him above all else: But *seek* first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Matthew 6:33

Greek
"zeteo"

to seek or to
desire

John 20

¹ Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ² So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"



John 20

³ So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴ Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there,



John 20

⁷ as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. ⁸ Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)

¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.



John 20

¹¹ Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹² and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. ¹³ They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." ¹⁴ At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"



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John 20

¹⁵ Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").



Who are you looking for?

Not dealing with disappointment will not only stop the flow of the Spirit in your life, it will shipwreck your faith and disconnect you from an awareness of His presence and love more than anything else in your life. The key to a life well-lived with an unoffended and passionate heart before God is not in avoiding disappointments, but in keeping our heart tender in the face of disappointments and unanswered questions.

*Is your heart
tender before the
Lord?*

*Do you pray
with the same
confidence
you've had in
the past?*

*Do you have
the fire and
passion you once
had for Him?*

Steps to Overcoming Disappointment

- Get alone with God
- Be honest
- Don't gloss over it
- Confess and Repent
- Renounce any lie or negative spirit that you have believed in
- Choose to believe



Response

*I have never
believed in
Jesus but want
His resurrection
life in me*

*God, help me
to push past my
disappointment
to you*

*I want more of
your Spirit to
overflow in me*

