

**Reverse the Flow of the River**  
**The Best is Yet to Come - Part 3**  
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**Text: Ezekiel 47:1-9 (NLT)**

**A. The River that flows from the Temple.**

1. We are a Temple.

**I Corinthians 3:16 (NLT)**

2. There is a river that flows out of each and every one of us, it's called influence.

**John 7:37-38 (KJV)**

3. Life check: What is the effect of your words and your attitude on those around you? (be honest with yourself)
  - i. Does it bring life?
  - ii. Do people want to hang around with you, or do they do their best to avoid you?

**B. Your life is perfectly suited to the choices you make.**

1. Doing the same things will yield the same results.
2. Life change only comes with a change of action.
3. Spiritual change occurs when new information is coupled with an encounter with God.

**C. Reversing the flow of the river.**

1. Confess your sin.

**1 John 1:8-9 (NLT)**

2. Take your cues from scripture, not from:
  - i. Tradition.
  - ii. Reason.

**Isaiah 55:8 (NLT)**

iii. Experience:

3. Count your blessings.
4. Double down with prayer and fasting.

### **Matthew 17:21 (NKJV)**

### **D. To Recap**

### **Ezekiel 47:9 (NLT)**

There will be life...wherever the River flows.

### **Next Steps: Today I am:**

1. Committing my life to Christ
2. With God's help I want to be a change agent in my culture.
3. I am committing to add a 3 day fast to my life in the next 30 days.
4. I am committing to starting a gratitude journal.