



Victory Deprives Red Sox Fans of Purpose

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After their team won the 2004 World Series of baseball, fans of Boston's Red Sox struggled to adjust. A *New York Times* article chronicled their confusion:

Having waited 86 years for a World Series championship, Bostonians found themselves... swirling with elation, but also scratching their heads.

What are Red Sox fans to do when the angst of being one of the world's greatest underdogs is gone?

"I'm having trouble dealing with it," said Mike Andrews, who played second base for the Red Sox in 1967, when they lost to the Cardinals during one of their many close-but-no-cigar face-offs.

"You're just kind of caught saying, 'What's next?' I don't want to say it's a letdown. But it's certainly something you let become part of your life and it's gone now, and we need to come up with something new."

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THE CONVERSATION WITH THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

John 4:1-26

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Outline

*3 snapshots of Jesus
② water to wine at a wedding
They have no wine
whatever He says do it
You have saved the best for last
NOW*

I. THE INTRODUCTION (vv. 1-6)

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*③ Nicodemus
Older Gentleman
Love must be born again*

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TOO MUCH BULL

BY SKINNY ROWLAND

Now this here is a story, with a moral good and true,
and it might be this story, was written just for you.

One time there was a fly, near starved to death he was,
all worn out and skinny, almost too darn weak to buzz.

He came gliding past this barnyard, guided by his nose,
and there behind that bullpen, this giant stack arose.

So he circled for a landing, a heart clear full of glee,
this was the meal of all meals, as he could plainly see.

Then he lights atop this pile, and at once began indulging,
and not stopping even once, until his sides were bulging.

Now the sun was getting mighty low, soon it would be night,
so this old fly decided now, to go on with his flight.

Well he aimed off to the west, with a mighty running bound,
he gave the takeoff all ~~he~~ had, but didn't leave the ground.

Then he saw this pitchfork handle, rising high into the air,
and figured he'd be airborne, if he started out from there.

So hand over hand he went, until he reached the very top,
and as he jumped he buzzed his wings, but done a belly flop.

Now that fly he split wide open, and died there on the spot,
so it's best now you remember, what that poor old fly forgot.

For the moral of this story is, unless this stunt you'd pull,
is don't fly off the handle, when you are plumb full of bull.

- ① "If you follow a new ~~way~~ track, there aint no way of know'n if the man that made it knew where he was go'n."
- ② "Marry a woman with brains enough for two and you'll come out even."
- ③ "A cowchip is paradise for a fly."
- ④ "Some men's wives are angels. The others are still alive."

Vacation time is here!

The car is packed and ready to go! When you get into that car two things will be true: the gasoline tank will be full, and your bladders will be empty! And then we will drive and drive and drive until two things will be true: the gasoline tank will be empty and your bladders will be full! And if your bladders should be full before the gasoline tank should

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be empty, may God have mercy on your soul."
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Steve Farrar Standing Tall

Two psychiatrists were at a convention. "What was your most difficult case?" one asked the other.

"Once I had a patient who lived in a pure fantasy world," replied his colleague. "He believed that a wildly rich uncle in South America was going to leave him a fortune. All day long he waited for a make-believe letter to arrive from a fictitious attorney. He never went out or did anything. He just sat around and waited."

"What was the result." *? [sic]

"It was an eight-year struggle, but I finally cured him. And then that stupid letter arrived . . ."

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Submission

Recently I heard Jack Hayford tell about a married couple who had attended a seminar taught by one of those male demagogues determined to show that Scripture teaches that the man is IN CHARGE at home. It was the kind of terrible teaching on submission that turns women into lowly doormats. Well, the husband just loved it! He had never heard anything like it in his life, and he drank it all in. His wife, however, sat there fuming as she listened to hour after hour of this stuff.

When they left the meeting that night, the husband felt drunk with fresh power as he climbed into the car. While driving home, he said rather pompously, "Well, what did you think about that?" His wife didn't utter a word . . . so he continued, "I think it was great!"

When they arrived home, she got out and followed him silently into the house. Once inside, he slammed the door and said, "Wait right there. . . just stand right there." She stood, tight-lipped, and stared at him. "I've been thinking about what that fellow said tonight, and I want you to know that from now on that's the way it's gonna be around here. You got it? That's the way things are gonna run in this house!"

And having said that, he didn't see her for two weeks. After two weeks, he could start to see her just a little bit out of one eye.

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Unity

→ Shortly after his conversion in 1929, C.S. Lewis wrote this note to a friend: "When all is said (and truly said) about divisions of Christendom, there remains, by God's mercy, an enormous common ground."

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Filling

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me!
Be honored in my submissive spirit.
Be seen and heard in my melodious heart.
Be observed in my thankfulness.
Be glorified in the fellowship and worship that I have with others in Your family.

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Opposition

But that was like saying "Sic^{em}" to a hungry Rottweiler. Churchill's words had new meaning: "Few things in life are more exhilarating than being shot at without result."

26:3

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③ SNAPSHOT NUMBER THREE
The Conversation with the Samaritan Woman
John 4:1-26

① Wedding at
Cana
② Nicodemus

Key Verse 4:10 "Jesus answered and said to her, "if you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, give me to drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

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... a biweekly letter from the heart of a man to men

January 15, 1982

Dear Friend,

STORIES TO BUSINESS MEN THAT JESUS TOLD

MY VERSE: "A certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion on him" Luke 10:33.

MY COMMITMENT: We are agitated by the trivial; are apathetic toward the tremendous.

MY MEDITATION: A certain lawyer desired a full-orbed life. His love for God was O.K., but he was less than sure about his duty to man.

Jesus rooted him out of his complacency with Ma Bell's commercial: "Reach out...reach out and touch some one!" Just because you can't do everything, don't fail in doing something. You are your brother's keeper!

Here's the story...the muggers had no mercy along Interstate #1, "The Descent of Blood," 22 miles with a drop from Jerusalem to Jericho of over 3,000 feet. "What's yours is ours and we're going to get it." They stripped him...wounded him, and left him half dead in the ditch.

The church leadership came by. Zero was their compassion. "What's ours is ours and we're going to keep it." When they saw him, they passed by on the other side of the median. They were on their way to Jericho for a symposium on Human Suffering, so they had no time to practice their sermon.

The Good Samaritan..."What's mine is yours and I want to share it." Note the verbs of achievement which motivated this singular man who was agitated by his neighbor's agony.--- "he came, he saw, he had compassion, he went to him, he bound up his wounds, poured in oil and wine, set him on his own beast, brought him to an inn...he took care of him."


A sensitized Samaritan's conscience costs...time, energy, money, reputation, and probably a missed business deal. "Stop substituting coziness for commitment. Nearly anything beats the nothing for which too many of us have been willing to settle."

The Good Samaritan got his hands dirty in a cause not his own. But it was his own...he made it his cause for he was his neighbor. His involvement conclusively proved that he was touchable, approachable, and lovable. He personalized his faith...he put feet, heart, hands, and pocketbook on his doctrine. Rather than being pre-occupied with the temporal, he majored on the monumental!

Reach out...reach out and touch someone. Take inventory...are we a part of a "reach out" for fellow business men at the nerve point of their need? Our worship in church is a mockery if our heart is untouched by the world's needs. "Philanthropic unbelievers and un-philanthropic believers are equally monstrosities."

"In stopping and stooping, the Samaritan was not taking time out from his life; he was living his life." Most of us are tip-toeing through the theological tulips or side-stepping around practical concern. Jesus says: "Go and do likewise" vs. 37.

MY PRAYER: Lord, help me today to make Christianity believable with a neighbor's heart not based on geography, a loving hand not determined by their income, a Samaritan purse not opened by others capacity to repay. Give me that Christ-like spirit that says: "Charge that to my account." Amen.

Navigatin' for Him

Robert L. Fister

when will we learn that
"you've got to take it to them!"
The Gospel starts with GO - "GO"

How many have you led to Christ?

- ① Since we were together.
- ② This year, last year
- ③ Since becoming a Xian.

I want you to know that my mission
this morning

is to comfort the afflicted

and to afflict the comfortable!

5 Billion Population
 $\frac{2}{3}$ still Unreached

$\frac{1}{3}$ nearly destitute lacking
basic necessities for survival

Year 2000 Another Billion

Next 100 Years Double More
Than 10 Billion

Islam 16% Annually

Hinduism 12% "

Christianity less than 10%



Dangerous Water

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Tone: Negative

More people die each year from unsafe drinking water than from all forms of violence, including war. More than a billion people—one in every five on earth—do not have access to safe drinking water. Percentage of the population with access to safe water:

Ethiopia: 18
Sudan: 45
Pakistan: 56
Mexico: 72
USA: 99

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The 50 States of Water

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Tone: Mixed/Neutral

I had been teaching a seventh grade science class the solid, liquid, and gaseous states of matter. A few days later I tested their memories by asking, "In what three states does water exist in nature?" One fast-thinking student blurted out, "It's in all 50, isn't it?"

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June 5
Sunday

**SOUL
SATISFACTION**

READ:

John 4:1-14

Are You Satisfied
w/ Jesus?

There is none upon
earth that I desire
besides You.

—Psalm 73:25

THE BIBLE IN ONE YEAR:
MATTHEW 15

God may spare us from Robertson's emotional and bodily suffering. He may give us many fulfilling years so that we can say, "My cup runs over" (Ps. 23:5). But no matter what, we should increasingly identify with those beautiful words of Bernard of Clairvaux who wrote in the 12th century:

Jesus, Thou Joy of loving hearts.

Thou Fount of life, Thou Light of men,

From the best bliss that earth imparts.

We turn unfilled to Thee again.

Yes, Christ alone is the Water that revives our parched spirit. He alone is the Bread that nourishes our hungry heart. He alone is the Truth that answers our mind's deepest questionings.

Real soul satisfaction is found only in Christ. —VCG

**JESUS THE WATER OF LIFE
QUENCHES OUR SOUL'S THIRST.**

Are you drinking
From your cup
Cuz your cup
over flowed?

Omit
Here!

Nineteenth-century preacher Frederick W. Robertson pastored a church in Brighton, England. Although he was a great pulpiteer, he was troubled by fear of failure. He suffered from painful physical ailments and died at 37.

In his loneliest times Robertson often found some consolation in the works of Shakespeare, Wordsworth, and Coleridge. Yet even these great writers left him increasingly unsatisfied, prompting him to write, "I go into the country to feel God; dabble in chemistry to feel awe of Him; read the life of Christ, to understand, love, and adore Him." Robertson concluded with these words: "I turn with disgust from everything to Christ."

October 1
Saturday

SOMETHING MORE TO GIVE

READ:
1 John 1

**The blood of Jesus
Christ His Son
cleanses us from all
sin. —1 John 1:7**

THE BIBLE IN ONE YEAR:
 Esther 4-7

When evangelist John Wesley (1703-1791) was returning home from a service one night, he was robbed. The thief, however, found his victim to have only a little money and some Christian literature. As the bandit was leaving, Wesley called out, "Stop! I have something more to give you." The surprised robber paused. "My friend," said Wesley, "you may live to regret this sort of life. If you ever do, here's something to remember: 'The blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin!'" The thief hurried away, and Wesley prayed that his words might bear fruit.

Years later, Wesley was greeting people after a Sunday service when he was approached by a stranger. What a surprise to learn that this visitor, now a believer in Christ and a successful businessman, was the one who had robbed him years before! "I owe it all to you," said the transformed man. "Oh no, my friend," Wesley exclaimed, "not to me, but to the precious blood of Christ that cleanses us from all sin!"

John Wesley really did have something more to give the

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EXPOSITION:

Whereas in our last snapshot, Jesus was talking to a very religious and moral Jewish man. In this snapshot, he is speaking to a very immoral outcast Samaritan woman.

Whereas it was a new birth in the previous study, it is living water in this study.

I want us to look at this passage in two parts. First of all, we will look at the introduction in verses 1-6, and then the interview in verses 7-26.

* Verses One to Three: "When therefore the Lord knew that the Pharisees heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John although Jesus himself was not baptizing but his disciples, he left Judea and came again into Galilee."

Jesus did not want to bring the conflict with the Pharisees to an issue so he left and went to Samaria.

John, the Baptist, recognized the fact that he was a voice crying in the wilderness by his statement back in chapter three in verse 30, "He Christ must continue to be increasing and I must be decreasing."

In verse 3 it tells us he left Judea in the south and came again into Galilee or the northern section.

Verse Four: "Now it was necessary for him to be going through Samaria."

To get to Galilee from Judea or Jerusalem in the south the fastest way would be to go through the land of the Samaritans. The Jews, however, had such a bitterness for the Samaritans that when they wanted to visit their families and relatives in the north, they usually crossed over the Jordan river and went North to Galilee and then crossed back over their desired destination.

In this fourth verse, however, we read that "it is necessary for him to be going through Samaria." This can be taken in one of two ways. First, maybe he needed to go through Samaria because it was the fastest route to avoid a premature collision with the Pharisees, or second, Jesus recognized that it was the Father's plan for him to go because a Samaritan woman was there to whom he must minister.

I personally prefer the second thought that God foreknew and predetermined before the foundation of the world that this outcast woman was going to come to Jesus Christ and that now the time had come for Jesus to meet her and to share the good news with her of who he was.

② John's Samaritan Village Encounter

② Good Samaritan Detour! Bloody man Ahead! *

"Father, 'twas thy love that knew us, earth's foundations long before. That same love to Jesus drew us by its sweet constraining power, and will keep us safely now and evermore."

How Many Opportunities we Miss because we are not sensitive to the Spirit's leading.

Because the Lord Jesus is sensitive to the will of the Father, he finds an opportunity for a ministry in Samaria. *Think in terms of divine encounter.*

Verse Five: "So he's coming to a city of Samaria called Sychar near the small plot of ground which Jacob gave to his son Joseph."

The record of this transaction is seen in Genesis 33:18,19 "Now Jacob came safely to the city, Shechem, which is in the land of Canaan. When he came from Paddan-Aran and camped before the city and he bought the piece of land where he had pitched his tent from the hands of the sons of Hamor, Shechem's father, for 100 pieces of money.

Verse Six: "Now there was a spring belonging to Jacob there, then Jesus, having become wearied as a result of the journey, thus he was sitting upon the curbstone of the spring. It was about the sixth hour."

This was about 12 noon and the heat was quite extreme and Jesus is wearied from the journey.

Here John vividly portrays the humanity of Christ. Such humiliation for the Son of God to be carried from a throne to a curbstone of Jacob's well. This star of Jacob, this one who strengthened Jacob, cared for him and kept him. This one who said: "come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest," experienced what it was to be weary. So often times we are busy emphasizing his diety that we forget that he was human in like manner. He ate, he drank, he labored, he slept, he prayed, and wept. Jesus knew what it was to be weary in well doing.

In the gospels it is amazing to see his diety and humanity so close together in several instances. ① Here he is weary and a little farther in the passage he is omniscient. ② In Luke 2 he is born in a manger, angels announce he is Christ the Lord. ③ In Mark 4 he is asleep in the boat and a moment later, he is standing and calming the stormy sea. ④ In John 11 he is weeping at the graveside of a friend, and the next minute he shouting, "Lazarus come forth."

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We are going to look together now at the second section of this study, Snapshot Number Three, and I have called this section the Interview, verses 7-26.

Verse Seven: "A woman of Samaria is coming to draw water. Jesus is saying to her, 'Give me to drink'"

Evidently, this woman was quite an outcast and she came at this time of the day because she did not desire to have the other respectable women of the city making fun of her.

Genesis 24: 11-19 "And he made the camels to kneel down outside the city by the well of water at evening time, the time when women go out to draw water. And he said, "Oh Lord, the God of my master Abraham, please grant me success today and show loving kindness to my master Abraham. Behold I am standing by the spring and the daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water. Now may it be that the girl to whom I please let down your jar so that I may drink," and who answers "drink and I will water *day*

your camels also, may she be the one whom thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac." And by this I shall know that thou hast shown loving kindness to my master. And it came about before he had finished that behold Rebecca, who was born of Bethuel, the son of Milcah, the wife of Abraham's brother, Nahor, came out with her jar on her shoulder. And the girl was very beautiful, a virgin, and no man had had relations with her. And she went down to the spring and filled her jar and came up. And the servant ran to meet her and said please let me drink a little water from your jar. And she said, drink my lord and she quickly lowered her jar to her hand and gave him a drink. And when she had finished giving him a drink, she said I will draw also for your camels until they have finished drinking."

The woman probably is quite surprised she had not expected to see anyone here at this hour of the day and Jesus is breaking down a barrier by asking her a favor. Luke 19:10 Zachaeus in A tree; Nicodemus - Saul on Damascus Road; Woman at the well.

He came to seek & to save...

How precious is the thought that Jesus searches for his own. He confronted Jacob as he fled. He found Moses as he was busy shepherding. He found Zackias in a tree, and said "make haste and come down." He found Saul of Tarsus on the Damascus road and he is the one who also told the parable of the lost sheep. Although there were 90 and 9 that were in the fold, there was one lost sheep, and the shepherd searched until he found it.

Verse Eight: "For his disciples had gone off into the city in order that they might buy food."

Philip in charge of Food Service!!

Evidently the men were running short of supplies and so since Philip was in charge of food service and going to town to purchase some things for them to eat, the rest of the twelve decided to join him leaving Jesus, alone at the well. Samaritan Safeway Juden was buying Jews

Now the scene is set for Jesus to lay bare a human heart to reveal himself as the one who can meet her needs.

Verse Nine: "Then the Samaritan woman is saying to him, "How is it that you being a Jew are asking a drink from me being a woman of Samaria, for Jews do not associate with Samaritans."

3 barriers
Racial
Religious
Men & women

Jesus is actually crossing two barriers of the day, first a racial barrier in the sense that there was tremendous strife between the Jews and the Samaritans. The Jews considered the Samaritans as half breeds and they had set up a rival worship on Mount Gerizim and they worshipped there instead of Jerusalem. Secondly, men never talked to women in public. Not even to his own wife.

John, himself, was also very upset over the treatment which he received from a Samaritan village when he was trying to make arrangements for the group to have overnight lodging on another occasion.

Verse Ten: Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, give me to drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

Jesus Christ is referring to himself here as "the gift of God." Back in chapter 3 in verse 16 it says, "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son." And the Apostle Paul in II Corinthians 9:15 says "Now thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift."

John got ticked!!

3:16

wow! what a Gift!!

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David Brainerd, great preacher and missionary to the Indian tribes in America, discovered how powerful this image was early in his ministry. One day in 1774, David, discouraged and sick, set aside a day for fasting and prayer. During that time he sensed the presence of the Spirit of God inviting him to come and drink. This reminded David of the words of Jesus in John 7 promising not only water for his own thirst, but "rivers of water flowing out of him."

Following that prayer David went out and preached with power, using that same text and appeal, time after time. He came to realize how many thirsty people there are, and how wonderfully God uses his own words to awaken them to their need of him. Like David Brainerd, we need to respond to the call of Jesus and allow him to be the water of Life to us; to fill our deepest needs. Then we shall experience the bonus: others will quench their thirst, from the rivers flowing out of us. The Source is God himself.


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LIVING WATER

He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.

JOHN 7:38

 True holiness is not the result of human efforts or enforced works of holy living. The power of holy living simply flows from a lifestyle that keeps our human conduits uncluttered by carnality and untainted by sin. God's love and power simply happen, as rivers of living water flow to fill ordinary believers, and overflow with pure hope and health to those they meet.

Nothing could be less religious or forced than this. Nothing could be more beautiful or blessed.

Jack
Hayford
Today

USA

Jesus is saying if you had only known the situation before us and who it is that is making this request of you, our positions would have been reversed and you would have been asking from me and I would have given you living water.

John 7:37-39, "Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out saying if any man is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me as the scriptures said, from his inner most being shall flow rivers of living water. But this he spoke of the spirit whom those who believed in him were to receive, for the spirit was not yet given because Jesus was not yet glorified."

The indwelling Holy Spirit in the child of God is that source of living water. In Ephesians 5:18 the Apostle Paul says, "Be filled with the Holy Spirit." And in I Thessalonians 5:17 we have the negative command, to quench not the Holy Spirit.

Present Tense!

Verse Eleven: "She is saying to him, "Sir, you are not having anything with which to draw and the well is deep. From where, therefore, are you having this water, this living water?"

She still has her mind on wells and buckets, the material elements. This was the same response that Jesus got to the command that a man must be born again in chapter 3 as Nicodemus said, "How is a man able to be born being an old man. He is not able a second time to enter the womb of his mother and be born is he?"

It is interesting to note that she is limiting the Son of God to a jar or a bucket. The one who knows no limitations, who reigned manna from heaven, who brought the world and universe into existence, who brought water from a rock, who brought honey from the carcass of a lion, and who brought forth wine from a jar filled with water.

We must not condemn her so quickly, however, we are just as guilty of limiting God in our lives. With Philipp it was the recognition in John chapter 6 that even 200 denarii worth of bread would not be adequate to feed the people that Jesus was teaching his ability to meet our needs.

There are so many who miss the joy of seeing God work in their lives because they limit God only to the resources which they have at hand, and therefore, never experience the thrill of seeing him provide for them in miraculous ways. Our actions so often seem to indicate that God is limited just to what we can accumulate ourselves to carry out his purpose.

It was William Carrey who said, "Expect great things from God and attempt great things for God."

I thought Corey Tendoom said it so well, "I would much rather be the trusting child of a rich father than a beggar at the door of worldly men."

How exciting it is to see the Lord miraculously meet our needs beyond human ideas when we are willing to trust him. Caleb was certainly one of these individuals who had a big God. It is said of him that he wholly followed the Lord and when he got into the promised land, he reminded Joshua to give him the mountain which he was to inherit, and all of his friends said there were giants there and Caleb said who cares God and I

Filled
Quench
Grieve
walk
Spiritual
Birth
Spiritual
water

Trust

Newton -
You are coming
to a King,
Large Petitions
there for bring's
For his grace +
Power Avesuch,
None can ever
Ask too much.

~~Not proofed~~

TOPIC	REF #	TEXT
Filling of the Spirit	18-4	<p>Borden's copy is marked in the way he had with all his best-loved books, one sentence standing out as meaning much to him.</p> <p>"The supreme human condition of the fulness of the Spirit is a life wholly surrendered to God to do His will."</p> <p>"To do His will": nothing greater or more glorious could be desired, and Borden knew of nothing that brought deeper satisfaction. Life was not, to him, a question of being or having this or that; it was simply a question of the will of God—knowing it, doing it, loving it. And such a life, he knew, was possible even in college, through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. So his message was one of the gladness and power.</p> <p>p. 216</p>
God's Will	18-5	<p>In many an interview Mr. Robert Wilder's question came to his mind, and with the background of his experience at sea he would ask:</p> <p>"Are you steering or drifting?"</p> <p>The question served to open up the subject of a student's choices in life. The danger of drifting was manifest. If a man said he was steering, it was easy to go on:</p> <p>"What is your goal, and Who is with you on board?"</p> <p>p. 217</p>
Commitment	18-6	<p>Borden's life counted because it was rooted in Christ, fed daily upon His word, was subject to His Spirit, breathed the atmosphere of prayer, was poured out for others.</p> <p>Each of us can put a fulness of meaning all our own into his simple act of faith:</p> <p>"Lord Jesus, I take hands off as far as my life is concerned. I put Thee on the throne in my heart. Change, cleanse, use me as Thou shalt choose. I take the full power of Thy Holy Spirit. I thank Thee."</p> <p>p. 285</p>

~~Conclusion~~

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Spirit Filled

When we are Spirit-filled and therefore rightly related to the Spirit of God:

- We are surrounded by the Spirit's omnipotent shield of protection, continually and routinely.
- We have an inner dynamic to handle life's pressures.
- We are able to be joyful, . . . regardless.
- We have the capacity to grasp the deep things of God that He discloses to us in His Book.
- We have little difficulty maintaining a positive attitude of unselfishness, servanthood, and humility.
- We have a keen sense of intuition and discernment; we sense evil.
- We are able to love and be loved in return.
- We can be vulnerable and open.
 - We can rely on the Spirit to intercede for us when we don't even know how to pray as we should.
- We need never fear evil or demonic and satanic assault.
- We are enabled to stand alone with confidence.
- We experience inner assurance regarding decisions as well as right and wrong.
- We have an "internal filtering system."
- We can actually live worry-free.
 - We are able to minister to others through our spiritual gift(s).
 - We have an intimate, abiding "Abba relationship" with the living God.

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God

Maybe that is what first attracted me to a disarming little book titled Dear God: Children's Letters to God.

A little girl named Lucy asks God: "Dear God, are You really invisible or is that just a trick?"

Norma asks: "Dear God, did You mean for a giraffe to look like that or was that an accident?"

One of my favorites was asked by Nan: "Dear God, who draws the lines around all the countries?"


And Neil writes: "Dear God, I went to this wedding and they kissed right in church. Is that okay?"

THE NAMES OF JESUS FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

psalms," David asks whether God will ever keep his promises and make him king, but not one promise of God failed. David did become king.

Be encouraged today! Christ is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. He cannot fail. What he starts he finishes. Our task is to keep "looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. . . ." (Heb. 12:2). Paul reminds us that "He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Phil. 1:6).

"Alpha and Omega" are names that declare that Jesus Christ is eternal God. These names remind us of his ministry, the living Word who reveals the living God to us. As Alpha and Omega, Jesus Christ lacks nothing, and his sufficiency is available to all of his people. Finally, these names tell of his victory, the fact that he finishes what he begins. We need never be discouraged because he is the beginning and the ending, the first and the last.

 Breathe, O breathe, Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning,
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

(Charles Wesley)

I close with this suggestion: start and end each day by meeting with Jesus Christ. Let him be the Alpha of each morning and the Omega of each night. If Jesus Christ is the Alpha, the key that opens the day, and the Omega, the key that locks the day, then you will abide in him all the day and enjoy his help and blessing.

are a majority. If God be for us who can be against us. And so Caleb possessed his possession.

Verse Twelve: "You are not greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this well and he himself drank from it and his sons and his cattle are you?"

Now the woman asks a question, "You are not greater than our father Jacob are you?"

I am sure flooding into the mind of the Lord Jesus were numerous experiences with Jacob and one night that he could well remember when he wrestled with Jacob all night long. Genesis 32:24-31, "Then Jacob was left alone and a man wrestled with him until day break. And when he saw that he had not prevailed against him, he touched the socket of his thigh, so the socket of Jacob's thigh was dislocated while he wrestled with him. Then he said let me go for the dawn is breaking, but he said I will not let you go unless you bless me. So he said to him, what is your name and he said Jacob; and he said your name shall no longer be Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with me and have prevailed. Then Jacob asked him and said please tell me your name, and he said why is it that you ask my name, and he blessed him there. So Jacob named the place Peniel for he said, I have seen God face to face yet my life has been preserved. Now the sun rose upon him just as he crossed over Peniel and he was limping on his thigh."

Verse Thirteen: "Jesus answered and said unto her, Everyone who keeps on drinking out of this water shall thirst again."

Jesus at this juncture pointed at the well, and although Jesus is pointing at a physical well, you can make the contrast again between that which is earthly and that which is heavenly or that which is material and that which is spiritual. You can try everything the world has to offer and will only provoke you to a greater thirst. ① Desire for money ② desire for drink, ③ desire for smoking ④ the desire for sex ⑤ the desire for drugs. Having participated in any of these activities only leads to a greater desire. No one has yet found satisfaction in the things of this world.

What will satisfy? Just a little bit more!!
In Luke chapter 16 in the parable of the rich man and Lazarus we find that the rich man drank deep of the wells of this world and his plea throughout eternity will be for a drop of water to cool a parched tongue.

Verse Fourteen: "But whoever takes a drink of the water which I shall give him shall positively not thirst into the ages, but the water which I shall give him shall become in him a spring of water bubbling up unto life eternal."

Now Jesus is going to form the contrast by talking about this living water. This presence of the Holy Spirit in the life of the individual that will satisfy them so they will not have to be craving for something more.

Jesus Christ cried from Calvary's cross, "I thirst, that man might never have to experience thirst, and open a fountain springing unto eternal life."

The word thirst here has the idea of feeling the pain of unsatisfied wants. New wants in our lives are met with new supplies of divine grace.

The fundamental truth here is that in every human heart there is a thirst for something that only Jesus Christ can satisfy.

I Made it
So he could
Give it...

Yeah! I
Remember
Throwing his
hip out in
AN A 11 Night
wrestling
Match!

...its like
An octopus
wrapping its
Arms
Around you."

luke 16:
Just A Drop
OF Cold water

"I Thirst"

* J. Hudson Taylor expressed this so well when he said the human heart has no desires which God cannot satisfy. The Christian's greatest difficulty is to take literally the promises of the Saviour. Said the Lord Jesus if any man thirst let him come unto me and drink. We are told to come to him not to some friend, not to some experience, not to some feeling or frame of mind. We are not even to come just to the word of God rather we are to go through that word to the person of the Lord Jesus himself.

** Someone has said: "around and around I run in ever widening circles. Trying to find the center for my life."

Galatians 5:16,17 "But I say walk by the spirit and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh for the flesh sets its desire against the spirit and the spirit against the flesh, for these are in opposition to one another so that you may not do the things that you please."

Out of Fellowship - dried up well. Quenching the Spirit

Plugging The Fountain

We read of David in Psalm 32, "When I kept silent about my sin, my body waste away. Through my groaning all the day long for day and night thy hand was heavy upon me, my vitality was drained away as with the fever heat of summer." And in Psalm 51: 10-13 "Create in me a clean heart O God and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from thy presence, do not take thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of thy salvation and sustain me with a willing spirit that I will teach transgressors thy ways and sinners will be converted to thee."

Are you in the word?

There is not a need that you and I can experience as one of his children that he will not supply as we are submissive to his leadership and direction in our lives.

Verse Fifteen: "The woman is saying to him, "Sir, give me this water in order that I may not be thirsty nor continually coming here to draw."

** She seeks a favor before she has granted the request sought of her. It is difficult to determine here if she is serious in this request. The Lord Jesus does have her attention and her personal experience to this point proves the fact that she has needs that she has been unable to adequately satisfy.

Verse Sixteen: "He is saying to her, "Be going on your way, call your husband and come here."

*** Jesus realizes that before she can have this well of water springing up unto eternal life within her she needs to deal with the disobedience in her life, and he is also now in the process of revealing a need which she has so that conviction might take place and then confession and cleansing so that Christ might come in to her life with this internal fountain of satisfaction that her heart longs for.

Verse Seventeen: "The woman answered and said, I am not having a husband. Jesus is saying to her, You spoke rightly that you are not having a husband."

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Dishonesty (copy) 050-10

Several years ago I was speaking at a seminar for Campus Crusade for Christ staff members. Everyone in the group worked in ministry on a university campus in the Midwest. One of them had found three postcards in a book in the library at Northern Michigan University. Each card was from the same individual, but they were addressed to three distinctly different people in her life.

To Her Parents:

Dear Mom and Dad,

Thanks for sending me on vacation. We've toured a lot of interesting places. The historical society was really fascinating and I learned quite a bit about Marquette, Michigan, in its mining days. We've even tried some of the local food since we've been here.

*Sue,
Connie*

To Her Best Friend:

Dear Sue,

Hi! I finally woke up and felt awake after one week of totally intense partying! I figured it was a good time to write before we start again. The guys up here are sensational! I went out with a different one each night. Well, take care, and don't party too much!

*See ya,
Connie*

To Her Boyfriend:

Dear Jim,

Boy, I sure do miss you! I wish you could be here so we could share the fall scenery together. I haven't been doing too much here, just visiting and touring around quite a bit. I can't wait to see you!

*Love and Kisses,
Connie*

John 4:

The woman is endeavoring at this point to avoid the personal but also to let Jesus know that she is available. And now in response to her revelation that she is not having a husband, Jesus is going to reveal the truth of the matter, "You spoke rightly that you are not having a husband."

Verse Eighteen: "For you have had five men and now the one who you are having is not your husband, this true thing you have said."

Suddenly and stabbingly Jesus brings her to her senses by revealing some of her sordid past. In just a matter of a few words her guilty past and her sinful present are there for her to view. They provide the basis for a revelation whereby she can see that she has been incapable of satisfying her own needs. She has been drinking at many wells and yet her heart tells her that she still is unsatisfied.

What a feeling of remorse must have hit her as she thought back on those early days when she was young and innocent and then she fell in love and was married and now within her heart there lies a grave trampled over by later wilder passions.

She could identify with the Lord's words in **Jeremiah 4:30**, "And you oh desolate one, what will you do. Although you dress in scarlet, although you decorate your self with ornaments of gold, although you enlarge your eyes with paint, in vain you make yourself beautiful. Your lovers despise you. They seek your life."

We would learn from this one to be careful with the business of love and to realize how empty human love is apart from a common relationship to Jesus Christ on the part of both partners.

We are probably asking the question, "Why open that closet and let that skeleton step out. Why lay bare that life secret. The wound must be probed to the bottom and cleansed then healing can set in."

Nothing is secret with God. **Hebrews 4:13**, "All things are naked and open unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do." With **David** in the Old Testament he had to hear from Nathan the prophet thou art the man. **Aichin** had to learn the painful lesson that although he was part of a huge nation, yet God witnessed his disobedience in stealing things from the city of Jericho and burying them in the floor of his tent. **Ananias and Sapphira** in Acts chapter 5 had to learn that you cannot pretend to give everything to the Lord and keep back part for yourself without the Holy Spirit knowing this.

What secrets are we keeping. The dishonest transactions, those evil thoughts, that long-standing difference that we have had with someone. Those answers on an exam that we borrowed, those lies that we have told. Oh how we withhold the floodtide of blessing in our lives of that well wanting to spring up into life eternal within us simply because we have been unwilling to deal with the secret disobediences in our lives.

Jesus says, "Go call thy husband." Come honestly, nothing hidden and hear him say "though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow. Though they be red like crimson they shall be as wool." Thy sins which were many are all forgiven thee.

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(Heaven Came Down: Jesus Shows Us How to Treat One Another by Lynn Anderson) Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson. Copyright - Lynn Anderson, 1993. 184 pp.

12:14
Relationships

As my friend John Chalk says, "It's not just cannibals that get fed up with people!"
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12:14
Relationships

Linus, the Peanuts comic strip character, said it for all of us, "I love the world. It's people that I can't stand."
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(37-26)

5:13
Legalism

Some people seem to think Christians are supposed to wear a sign that says, "No fun, no sun, and no laughs." They're the dreary crowd with solemn faces and sourpuss expressions, who spend long nights at home. The "really spiritual" Christian knows how to turn down invitations, turn up his nose at jokes, and turn his back on anything that seems to suggest a good time.
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(37-26)

John 4:

Few stand with them in the loss and loneliness. In fact, the opposite usually occurs. Some often look down on the "divorced" through the scopes of judgmental rifles and fire subtle, piercing bullets of accusation. Someone who already feels like a failure in relationships is leveled to the ground by shots of intolerance and lack of forgiveness. This grief has no dignity. Besides, the "corpse" is still walking around.

Let's multiply that cycle by five and see if we can fathom the gaping hole in the center of this woman.
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(37-26)

1:2
Love

A little child of a Texas friend wanted to get a birthday present for his mother. He'd heard one of the older sisters say that his mother wanted a new slip. Now, he didn't know what a slip was. But he went shopping. When he stood in the ladies' department and was shown a slip, although he was mortified with embarrassment, he was still determined to buy one for his mother. The clerk asked, "What size does she wear?"

"Well, I don't know."

"What is she like?"

"Oh, my mother is just perfect."

So the clerk packaged up a size 34 and sent it home. Next week his mother brought the 34 back and changed it for a size 52! Love sees the best. And Jesus saw the best in this Samaritan lady, a tender heart nearly buried forever at the core of the woman's tough life.
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(37-26)

Dreams

statler
The Blackwood Brothers sang about some of the things I am describing when they recorded Don and Harold Reid's song called "The Class of '57":

Tommy's sellin' used cars,
Nancy's fixin' hair,
Harvey runs a groc'ry store
And Marg'ret doesn't care;
Jerry drives a truck for Sears
And Charlotte's on the make,
And Paul sells life insurance
and part-time real estate.

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And the Class of Fifty-Seven had its dreams.
But we all thought we'd change the world
With our great works and deeds;
Or maybe we just thought
The world would change to fit our needs.
The Class of Fifty-Seven had its dreams.

Betty runs a trailer park,
Jan sells Tupperware,
Randy's in an insane ward,
And Mary's on welfare;
Charley took a job with Ford,
Joe took Freddy's wife,
Charlotte took a millionaire,
And Freddy took his life.

And the Class of Fifty-Seven had its dreams.
But livin' life from day to day
Is never like it seems.
Things get complicated
When you get past eighteen,
But the Class of Fifty-Seven had its dreams.
Ah, the Class of Fifty-Seven had its dreams.

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(36-6)

Trials

A pastor friend of mine tells about a lady in his church whose little girl was diagnosed with cancer. The doctors told her that it would only be a matter of months before the child was dead. The woman left the child in her hospital bed, went down to the parking lot, got into her car, rolled up the windows tightly, and then proceeded to curse out God. She called Him every mean name she could think of. And when she finally fell silent in exhaustion, she heard a voice say lovingly and distinctly, "I'm glad you did that. It has been a long time since you spoke to Me."

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(36-6)

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On Mount Gerizim, where the Samaritan woman worshiped, they had a lot of spirit but no truth. Down in Jerusalem where the Jews worshiped, they had a lot of truth but no spirit. It was dead orthodoxy. That's how a lot of churches are today.
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Proverbs 28:13 "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper but who so confesses and forsaketh them shall have mercy."

Verse Nineteen: "The woman is saying to him, Sir I am beginning to see that you are a prophet."

Note the progression here. First a Jew, then greater than Jacob, now a prophet and just a short step to the Messiah.

The blind eyes are beginning to open.

Notice that she evades the personal issue. She wants to get on to them theological and off of the personal.

Verse Twenty: "Our fathers worshipped in this mountain and you are saying that Jerusalem is the place where it is necessary to worship."

In evading the issue, she is seeking a place where she can find God. She sought refuge in religion when the Holy Spirit began convicting of her sin. Religion may hide you from man, but it will not hide you from God.

Verse Twenty One: "Jesus is saying to her, Believe me woman that an hour is coming when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father."

It is not the place, but the person. It is a common relationship to Jesus Christ that provides the basis for a proper worship of the Father and not a place or an institution or a building or an organization.

Verse Twenty Two: "You worship that which you are not knowing. We are worshipping that which we are knowing for the salvation is out of the Jews."

You know whom to worship, but you do not know him. The Samaritans worship in ignorance.

Many of the cults fall into this category. It is religion of fear and ignorance rather than love and knowledge.

Verse Twenty Three: "But the hour is coming and now is that the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth."

For indeed the father is seeking such as these who worship him. It is not where but how. In spirit out of the heart. In truth by the true way of access to God that is through Jesus Christ. John 8:32, "And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." And John 14:6 "Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life."

Verse Twenty Four: "God is spirit and to those who are worshipping him it is necessary to worship in spirit and truth."

Verse Twenty Five: "The woman is saying to him, I know that Messiah (the one who is called Christ) whenever that one comes, he will make known unto us all things."

You Are Not
Our denomination
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Lessons From John 4:

- #1. When we are sensitive to the Spirit's leading every encounter becomes an opportunity.
"Reach out reach out + touch someone"
- #2. The indwelling Spirit is the water.
- #3. Sin must be faced before salvation can be enjoyed - Prov. 28: ; Ps. 32: 51:
(Spirit can be quenched + grieved.)

Daniel 12:3

Real encounter with God At Trail West.
Randy Making impact!

John 4: 35, 36 "Any not ye there are yet 4 months ^{cometh harvest} ~~cometh harvest~~ Behold I say unto you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth + he that reapeth may rejoice together."

4:39

and from that city many of the Samaritans believed in him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all the things I have done."

In essence the woman is saying that there is a time coming when her needs are going to be met. Whenever that one comes he will make known unto us all things.

Verse Twenty Six: "Jesus is saying to her, I am he, the one speaking to you."

We can never cease to wonder that such a revelation is made to a sinful Samaritan woman. What a thrill of excitement must have raced through her body when her eyes were fully open and she saw this blessed one who could not only point out her sinfulness, but could also provide for her forgiveness.

* "She left her water pot and ran the wonderful tale to tell of living water and the man whom she met at Jacob's well. I found him weary she said and alone beneath the shadowing tree. And in his sweet heart thrilling tone he craved a drink from me. Then he spake of water to quench the thirst from a living well unseen. But when I sought it he showed me first what a sinner I had been. He told me all that ever I did, each act of my life lay bare. Not taught from his searching gaze was hid as I stood before him there. I owned him a prophet and asked him where true worship could be given but my life and my worship he showed me were alike unfit for heaven. Messiah's coming I said was nigh, and then we shall all agree. And with heavenly sweetness he answered, "I that speak unto them am He." I now know it is true for a power divine that moment my spirit freed. I believe what he said I claim him mine for he meets my deepest need. Come see in my bosom cannot be hid a blessing so unpriced, he told me all that ever I did, Oh say is he not the Christ?"

Revelation 22:17, "And the Spirit and the Bride say come and let him that heareth come, and let him that is a thirst come, and whosoever will let him take the water of life freely."

Jeremiah 2:17, "Did you not bring this upon yourself when you forsook the Lord your God when he guided you in the way, and now what are you doing in the way of Egypt to drink the waters of the Nile."

CONCLUSION: *Revival Follows!* ^{v. 28} *she left Disciples come back Her witness People*

Do you know this one, Jesus Christ, who can satisfy your every need. Is he speaking to you today. Is he saying go call your husband. Is he making an offer of living water.

John's Response: O No! They are becoming Disciples

Christians are you really worshipping him? Are you captivated with his person? is love flowing from your heart in thanksgiving and adoration to your Saviour, Jesus Christ.?

Brothers & Sis spend eternity with them!

Are you filled with the divine presence of the Holy Spirit, which is a manifestation of the fact that you are walking with him.

Matthew 15:8,9 "This people draws near unto me with their mouth and honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrine the commandments of men."

4:41

"And many more believed because of His word!"

Oh for the internal fountain of satisfaction that can meet every human need all residing in a precious person, Jesus Christ. Once he comes to dwell within this fountain springs up which satisfies every need.

4:42 And they were saying to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and we know that this one is indeed the Saviour of the world."

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doing. "We are behind 15 to nothing," he said.
The grandfather asked, "Are you discouraged?"
"Of course not," the boy responded. "We haven't been up
to bat yet."
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Evangelism

10 Little Christians

10 little Christians came to church all the time;
one fell out with the preacher, then there were
nine.
9 little Christians stayed up late;
one overslept on Sunday, then there were eight.
8 little Christians on their way to heaven;
one took the low road, then there were seven.
7 little Christians, chirping like chicks;
one didn't like the singing, then there were six.
6 little Christians seemed very much alive;
one took a vacation, then there were five.
5 little Christians pulling for heaven's shore;
one stopped to rest awhile, then there were four.
4 little Christians each as busy as a bee;
one got his feelings hurt, then there were three.
3 little Christians couldn't decide what to do;
one couldn't have his way, then there were two.
2 little Christians each won one more;
now don't you see, two and two make four.
4 little Christians worked early and late,
each brought one, now there were eight.
8 little Christians, if they double as before. . .
in just seven Sundays we'd have one
thousand twenty-four.
In this little jingle there is a lesson true--
you belong either to the building or to the
wrecking crew!

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Evolution

Awhile back, I ran across this poem, titled "A Money's
Observation," which humorously illustrates the differences
between humans and animals:

Three monkeys sat in a coconut tree;
and talked of things that were said to be.
Said one to the others: "See here, you two!
There's a rumor afloat that can't be true,
That man descended from our lofty race,
To think of such is a great disgrace.
No monkey ever beat his wife,
or starved her child or spoiled her life;
And whoever heard of a mother monk
parking her babes for another to bunk,
Or passing them on from one to another
till they couldn't tell who was their mother.
And another thing you'll never see,
is a fence around a coconut tree.

He would be transported to the closest cemetery in a horse-drawn carriage and lowered into the ground by a rope, which was wrapped around the top and bottom of the box.

However, today when you die, you die in style. You are placed in a rather expensive bronze casket, which is lined with linen. You get to rest your head on a satin pillow. You are dressed by professionals who manicure your nails, comb your hair, and fix your clothes (matter of fact, I've seen some people who looked better dead than they ever looked alive!). As you leave the church for the burial grounds, you ride in a limousine, a lifelong dream for some of us. In fact, a fleet of limousines lead by two men on motorcycles who stop traffic as you ride through red lights on your way to your final resting place. Finally, you are lowered into the ground by a smooth, nickel-placed machine.

The bottom line, however, is still the same: Dead is dead. And that's God's verdict on all of humanity outside of Christ. The unregenerate are walking zombies entombed by this world order, the control of the devil, and the desires of their own flesh. They deserve God's wrath, not His grace. Not a very pretty picture but a necessary one if grace is to ever make sense.

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Salvation

→ It's like the story told of an Indian who had become a Christian. As his brothers began to observe how different his lifestyle had become, they asked, "What has caused such a change?" The new Christian looked on the ground and found a worm; then he put it on some leaves and set them aflame. Just before the fire got to the worm, he reached down and took the worm out of the flames and held it before his friends. "Me--worm," he said.

That is what God did for each of us. He reached down to sinful men, who deserved the fire of judgment, and just in the nick of time, delivered us up from the flames so we might live a life pleasing to Him.

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Salvation

If I died right now and God asked my why He should admit me to heaven, I wouldn't bring up the fact that I was a preacher. I wouldn't point out that I had been faithful to my life. I wouldn't mention that I did the best I could to live a good life. I wouldn't refer to my twelve years of theological training, or to my generosity, my compassion, my charitable ventures. All would be equally irrelevant.

As I faced God, I'd call out to Jesus. "Jesus, there's a list of sins in that book right there. And I'm guilty of every count. But when I was eleven years old, I got down on my knees and told you that I was a sinner. I told you I believe that when you died on that cross, you died for me. I believe that you have already paid my penalty. And Jesus, you are all I have!" Nothing I can add, no contribution I might make, no service I can render would help my case on Judgment Day. The only question on the floor then is, "What have you done with Jesus Christ?"

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The Mint-Flavored Oasis

It gets pretty crowded around the oasis this time of year. People from all over are here drinking of this wonderful water. There's nothing like it, you know, in all of the desert. However, we just had some news. John just brought word of a neighbor seen a few hundred yards out there dying of thirst. His description made cold chills run all over me. It's tough to think about. John is great with words, you know. He can make you think it's you dying.

Now John said he's gonna get up a little slide presentation to go along with what he shares, because we've formed a kind of a club. We call it "The Desert Dwellers Who Have Found the Water." We meet every week. We have officers. We do the whole bit. We talk about how we came to the water and how we learned to drink.

Right now there's a discussion. It's an argument actually, as to whether the water in well "A" or "B" is better. You see some prefer "A" because they say the water is more pure. Others say "B" is cooler. I don't really know. I've tasted them both. Seems to me they're just about the same since the wells are only twenty feet apart. But people argue anyway.

One time our club sent a scout out to find and rescue the thirsty. He did alright for a while. But you know carrying delirious and dying people to the water of life is very hard. It's lonely. It's thankless work. And when some of the old timers criticized his methods he just simply quit.

Now there are times when our water goes to waste. Actually overflowing the well because there aren't enough people to drink it. It's a shame to see water going to waste while people die of thirst. Some speak of forming a search and rescue party but the person has to have the gift, you know, to do that kind of work.

The children, you ask. Well, you've noticed there are not many children here. You see, we believe they have to find the well for themselves so we never try to influence them. It's funny though. Some of them have known all of their lives where their mom and dad quench their thirst but they still act like they're lost. And they never come near the water. I guess that's just kids for you.

We're having some excitement in the group right now. Somebody seems to claim to have found a mint-flavored oasis just over the next sand dune. We've lost some of our members to them. I can understand you know, people want variety. Water has very little taste. And somehow if we could make it more exotic without losing any of its thirst-quenching power I think I'd get excited about it. I get a little bored with just the same old thing day in and day out.

We had a funeral yesterday, and it left us all very disturbed. A neighbor died of thirst. Doesn't make any sense. He lived within yards of the oasis. Night after night he heard our songs drifting across the sand telling about the wonderful characteristics of our water. Yet he never once came here, and he died of thirst.

You know something though. We did right by him. At his funeral we said good things. We didn't even admit what everyone

The condition
for obtaining
God's full
blessing is
absolute surrender
to Him. Murray

THE PRAYER OF THE THIRSTY

LORD
I come thirsty.

I COME TO THE WELL TO RECEIVE. I RECEIVE YOUR
WORK ON THE CROSS. MY SINS ARE PARDONED AND
MY DEATH IS DEFEATED. I RECEIVE YOUR ENERGY.
I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO GIVES
ME STRENGTH. I RECEIVE YOUR LORDSHIP.
I BELONG TO YOU. YOU LOOK OUT FOR ME.
I RECEIVE YOUR LOVE.

Nothing can separate
me from your **LOVE.**

MAX LUCADO

knew, that the poor guy died of thirst. We even put a symbol of a water bucket on his tombstone. Thought it would make his family feel better and it sure took away some of our guilt.

Whenever our members go out into the sand dunes we caution them against gaudy displays of their water canteens. You can get criticized for wearing your water on your sleeve, you know.

Our big topic this year is our organization's name. Someone has shortened it from "Desert Dwellers Who Have Found the Water" to various terms like "The Unthirsty" or "The Satisfied" or maybe "The Water Lovers." But you know, we've all agreed on what to call those who are dying of thirst in the dunes. We simply call them "Deserted."

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October 1
Saturday

SOMETHING MORE TO GIVE

READ:

1 John 1

**The blood of Jesus
Christ His Son
cleanses us from all
sin. —1 John 1:7**

THE BIBLE IN ONE YEAR:

□ Esther 4-7

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When evangelist John Wesley (1703-1791) was returning home from a service one night, he was robbed. The thief, however, found his victim to have only a little money and some Christian literature.

As the bandit was leaving, Wesley called out, "Stop! I have something more to give you." The surprised robber paused. "My friend," said Wesley, "you may live to regret this sort of life. If you ever do, here's something to remember: 'The blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin!'" The thief hurried away, and Wesley prayed that his words might bear fruit.

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