

DRAWING WATER FROM THE RIVER OF LIFE



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Why are some believers full of peace and joy, radiating the glow of spiritual life and health to all they meet? Is it because they don't have my problems? No! The truth is, they may have more than you—in fact, more than most people!

But these saints learned the secret of having roots in God's river. If you are rooted in the river, you don't need a revival; you don't need showers of blessings; you don't need a special outpouring; you don't need a flood of sudden victory. And because you enjoy a constant hour-by-hour flow of life-giving water, you are not constantly moving from dry spell to blessing, from lows to highs, from revival to coldness. Spiritual famine doesn't touch you; the scorching heat of apostasy doesn't faze you because you are drawing water from the river of life!

If I had to choose between revival and roots, I'd take roots any day. For long after revival is gone, I would still thrive because of my roots, which would supply me daily with all I need.

Ezekiel saw a river of life issuing from the sanctuary. "By the river upon the bank thereof . . . shall grow all trees for meat, whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit thereof be consumed: it shall bring forth new fruit . . . because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary: and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine" (Ezekiel 47:12).

God showed this prophet a river coming out of His holy temple. As time went by, it swelled from a trickle to a river in which he could swim. Ezekiel saw a man measuring the growing stream of life, until it became "a river that I could not pass over: for the waters were risen, waters to swim in" (Ezekiel 47:5). You see, the early Church experienced water that reached the ankles; the Reformation had water reaching the loins. And in this day and age, the water has risen so much that we now have water to swim in!

On the bank of this river are many trees, all green and bearing fruit. And who are these trees? All those with roots of trust in Him. "And it shall come to pass, that everything that liveth, which moveth, whithersoever the rivers shall come, shall live: and there shall be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come thither: for they shall be healed; and everything shall live whither the river cometh" (Ezekiel 47:9).

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