

Living Water

by Neil Anderson

God promises that those who believe in Him will experience a river of living water flowing from their inner being, and faith is the key to accessing this promise.

Scripture: Psalm 36:9, Isaiah 58:11, John 7:37, Hebrews 11:6, Revelation 21:6

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Description

Neil Anderson emphasizes the importance of faith in God, using the analogy of a prospector in the desert who had to choose between pouring water down a well or using it to prime a pump. He highlights the element of risk in faith but assures that God's promises are true and reliable. Anderson encourages believers to trust in God's provision, as He is the source of living water that never runs dry. He reminds the congregation that activating the 'pump' of God's blessings requires faith, as stated in Hebrews 11:6.

Transcript

John 7:37, 38

If any man is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, "From his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water"

The story is told of a prospector in the last century who had to make a four-day journey across a burning desert. He couldn't carry enough water to make the journey without dying of thirst, but he was assured there was a well halfway across the desert. So he set out and sure enough there was a well right where the map indicated. But when he pumped the handle, the well only burped up sand. Then he saw this sign: "Buried two feet over and two feet down is a jug of water. Dig it up and use the water to prime the pump. Drink all the water you want, but when you are done, fill the jug again for the next person."

Sure enough, two feet over and two feet down was enough water for the prospector to prime the pump or to finish his journey. Should he pour the water down the well or should he drink it?

To tell you the truth, I'd drink the water that was buried! I don't know who wrote the sign on that rusty old pump. It could be a cruel joke. I'd pour that water down a worthless well only to watch my life drain away for lack of water.

Faith always has an element of risk, but there is one factor in the above story that doesn't exist when it comes to God. I know who wrote the sign. When I pour myself into a life of faith, I know that out of my

inner being shall flow rivers of living water. God said so, history verifies it, and I, for one, can testify that it is true. In the final analysis, God is not only true, He's right.

There is more than enough water in God's well for everyone, but the pump is only activated by faith. Remember: "Without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him" (Hebrews 11:6).

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, You have proven Yourself trustworthy. Your river of living water never dries up or becomes polluted.

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