

Connect Notes - 20 April 2015

THE RIVER OF GOD - Ps Phil Pringle

On the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet *given*, because Jesus was not yet glorified. John 7:37-39 (NKJV)

There are six significant rivers mentioned in the Bible

- Each river is indicating that there is a spiritual life flow that is almost tangible physically

Luke 8:43-48, The women who touched Jesus garment

- The woman felt power and electricity flow into her, Jesus felt the same leave him
- Jesus questioned 'who touched me?' and the disciple were amused. However Jesus felt the touch of a faith filled person and he knew when the river flowed out of him into another.

The greatest holy burden on our heart needs to be reaching people for Christ.

- Jesus rose and ascended to heaven, entering the veil and into the presence of God. The Father made him sit down at the right hand of the throne to be lifted up.
- After Jesus had been glorified God poured out His Holy Spirit on the Earth.
- Poured out like water, like a river. The Holy Spirit moves through congregations and people who are open and ready to receive Him.
- He isn't a theory or a theology. The Holy Spirit is a person and a living river of life that can affect and energise you.

Jesus gives four conditions by which believers can become empowered by the Holy Spirit:

1) If anyone thirsts

- When you are desperate for God, not for what He can do for you, but on Him you will receive Him.
- God is enough. When you have God you realise that all that He can do for you doesn't matter.

2) Let him come

- Somewhere down the line you have to make your own decision to follow God.
- You cannot remain in a passive position; we have to get up on the inside and become an internally motived determined Christian.
- God has sent His Son and the Holy Spirit, we need to walk towards Him
- Anyone who comes will receive

3) Let him drink

- You drink of the Holy Spirit through worship

And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, Ephesians 5:18-19

- You will keep the temple filled with the Holy Spirit by worshipping God
- You will feel life come inside of you by engaging with the Holy Spirit, a pure energy that gives you a clear mind and shock absorber against trials in life.

4) He who believes in me

- As the scriptures say, out of his belly will flow rivers of living water, but where does it say this?
- These other examples that He is speaking of are indicators of where that river flowed:
- + The Garden where God and man had fellowship, communion and walking together. If we are in that area a river will flow out of our relationship with God
- + The Rock in our spirit if Christ is there is like enamel, where water and honey flow from
- + The Temple, we are the temple of the Holy Spirit
- + Under the Throne of God, from the core of the universe, a river flows. When this throne
- is established in you and you submitted to Him in your heart of hearts, a river will flow.

You got to believe this river is there without seeing it.

- Faith is an attitude that doesn't complain, that laughs at giants, that isn't intimidated by the devil, that remembers God when you are facing problems, that speaks to your soul when you are downcast.
- I will command my soul to God be the glory.

For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Mark 11:23 (NKJV)

Doubting not, is just as important as believing.

- Choosing not to doubt is just as much of an internal decision to make as having faith
- Switch on your faith, choose to delete your doubts.

TALK ABOUT:

- * How was your experience at Presence?
- * What did the Holy Spirit speak to you about during the week?
- * Do you have the rivers flowing from the Garden, Rock, Temple and Throne in your life?

UPCOMING EVENTS

C3 CHURCH SYDNEY PRAYER MEETINGS

Each week our locations are gathering together across the City, humbling themselves and lifting up Sydney to God. We would love for you to join us on these powerful nights, especially as we prepare our City and hearts for Presence Conference:

CITY / 7-8pm, Fortnightly

OXFORD FALLS / 7-8pm, every Tuesday

PENRITH / 7-8pm, every Tuesday

ROZELLE / 7-8pm, every Tuesday

SILVERWATER / 7-8pm 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the Month

OXFORD FALLS PRAYER AND WORSHIP GATHERINGS

Prayer and Worship Meeting held **every Wednesday** evening in the **Prayer Chapel** from **7.30pm** - **8.30pm**.

The Prayer Chapel will also be open from **6pm - Midnight** on the **last Friday of every Month** for worship and prayer.

Both gatherings will be led by Minister of Prayer Heidi Wysman.

