

CORE • ELEMENT FOUR

Week 5 of 5

PRAY • WE LIVE OUR LIVES FROM THE OUTSIDE IN... ETC...

Jesus said:

... I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 10:10

REVIEW

ELEMENT ONE: God is my **Air**.ELEMENT TWO: I am God's **Earth**.ELEMENT THREE: My **Fire** is in Community.

Element Three: Water

THE WORLD IS THIRSTY FOR WHAT I have.

ILL: TWO PROBS SHARING FAITH: 1. WORLD DOESN'T NEED/WANT WHAT WE HAVE • 2. USED CAR
 ROOT CAUSE: WE DON'T VALUE WHAT WE HAVE HIGHLY ENOUGH / WE DON'T KNOW HOW TO GIVE IT.
 THE WORLD NEEDS & WANTS WHAT WE HAVE • ROGER GARRINGER

From the life of Roger Garringer...

Story. How much Bible did they know? How much about Jesus? Did they know the gospel?

JESUS OFFERS SOMETHING INFINITELY refreshing.

John 4:1-30 (p. 738).

Jesus gives her immediate hope.Jesus refreshes her by challenging her!

exactly where she didn't want to go, but that's where the water is found!
 VICTIM OR SINNER? NOT THE ISSUE, THE SAVIOR KNOWS AND DOESN'T REJECT!

She received it with joy!

left her jar and left her shame

THE WORLD WILL run TO THIS WATER!

vv. 39-42

TRANSITION: I often read this passage from the perspective of the woman, "Give me this water!"...
 but we ALREADY HAVE the Living Water in us! • for many of us it's locked up behind a dam.

WE UNLOCK IT IN US BY giving IT TO others.

IT BECOMES A "SPRING" IN HIM • the woman's immediate response

vv. 31-38

the most fulfilling work in the world is to be part of helping another person find everlasting
 refreshment in Jesus!

Take Home: The Water Principle

When I refresh others, I am refreshed.

ILL: the Dead Sea (stagnant)

1. Seek out interactions with the disconnected.
2. Ask, listen, and offer words of hope and challenge.
3. Take my blessings and use them to bless others.
 your greatest two blessings: what God has done in your past, what God taught you this morning.

A COMMITMENT TO LCC MEANS:

1. You intend to breathe deeply of God by putting him first.
 - ❖ first in your finances • first in your day • first in your week
 relying on Jesus' cross, the Spirit's presence, and Scripture's teaching.
2. You intend to dig out sin so God can make you like Jesus.
 - ❖ willingness to face the challenges of growth • engaging in confession and accountability • taking classes and seminars when they come
3. You intend to burn brightly in the flow of this community.
 - ❖ participation in a Life Group • coming to Vision Events • signing the commitment book • volunteering your time
4. You intend to pour out your blessings to refresh others.
 - ❖ befriending the disconnected • taking the risk to have a spiritual conversation.