

**April 9, 2022**

The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

**John 7:37-38** *On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to Me and drink. Whoever believes in Me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them."* (NIV)

The Feast Of Tabernacles was celebrated to remind the people that the LORD had freed them from slavery in Egypt by His mighty right hand and had provided through the Passover. This is one of the only times we see Jesus speak in a loud voice. Obviously, He wanted everyone just outside the Temple to hear what He was saying. This was traditionally done when there was an important announcement. It was important because of the place; standing in the temple courts. It was important because of the timing; the last day of Tabernacles. It was important because of His tone; with a loud voice.

And here is the call that shows that the LORD loves all people, not just some who are chosen. He says: ***Let anyone who is thirsty come to Me and drink.*** No matter what race or class or nationality or political party, He says anyone! There is probably no greater sense that motivates us than thirst. We thirst for water. We thirst for acceptance. We thirst for knowledge. But Jesus was speaking of a thirst in our souls for reconciliation with the Father. And when that happens, it is like a spring of living water that never stops flowing. This was a foreshadowing of the Holy Spirit Who would come and be poured out to all who believe. And because of the Spirit then living within others, He could be shared in power with others so that they might believe. And there is an abundance of the Spirit so that we will not 'run dry.'

Do we allow the living water to flow, or do we tend to clog up the flow with our own selfishness and desires? Oh may we keep our vessels clean so that the living water can flow to everyone around us.

**Dear LORD, pour out Your Spirit in abundance so that we might share You with others. Help us to not quench the Holy Spirit by our own desires and sinful natures. We submit ourselves completely to You. In Jesus Name, Amen**