



Weekly Devotional
for the
Second Week of September

“Thirst”

John 7

Written by Pastor Rollie Simmons

Here in John 7, Jesus' identity as the Messiah is again being disputed. They clearly don't know what to do with Jesus. They are “thirsty” for the Messiah, the one who will come and deliver them, yet Jesus doesn't meet their expectations.

While all this is happening, the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles is going on, which celebrated the fall harvest and God's provision for them. During this celebration, they would also acknowledge and remember God's provision of water from the rock found in Exodus 17. In remembrance, the priests brought water to the temple from the pool of Siloam in a golden pitcher. The water was poured out on an altar as an offering to God, while the people quoted Isaiah 12:3.

So it is around this scene that Jesus said, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.” Here Jesus promises to fill man where he will not thirst again, and out of man will flow rivers of living water. Here Jesus is promising the outpouring of the Holy Spirit which takes place in Acts 2.

Jesus knows that mankind is ever hungering and thirsting and chasing after temporal things that will ultimately leave us empty and dry. Jesus invites you to believe in Him, receive promise of the Holy Spirit, and find a satisfaction inside you that will flow out of you and never leave you empty.

How would our lives change if we approached our relationships, our decisions, our material needs from the position of being satisfied rather than thirsty?

1. What verses have caught your attention and why?
2. How does this apply to my life?
3. After reading and thinking, what should you spend time praying about from today's study?

“I Am”

John 8

Written by Yvonne Corbin

It isn't what others think, natural heritage, family traditions or being among the elites, but it is belief and obedience to the “Light of the World”—Jesus. He is the One Who has power to forgive, set free, and gives us power to sin no more. He is God's presence, protection, and guidance that helps us to be more than conquerors in our everyday lives. Thus our lifestyle will reflect and mirror who our Father is!

Circumstances have a way of making God, Jesus, and Heaven doubtful. I encourage you to take inventory of your life and ask yourself, “How did I do *that* all on my own?” I'm sure your response will be, “There has to be somebody bigger than me,” and there is - the Eternal God.

Our encounters with Jesus always makes the difference. Yes, there are many challenges we face in life. No matter our age, cultural background, and especially when we don't feel His presence, we need to read the Word, believe, walk by faith, and recall our testimony. And we will know that He is “I Am.”

1. As you experience the miraculous working of Jesus in your life, does your faith and belief in Him increase?
2. Do you find yourself captured by His amazing ability to work all things together for His glory and your best?
3. Why do you suppose the enemy of your soul tries so desperately to keep you blinded from seeing the miracles of Jesus in your life?

“The Passion of Jesus”

John 11

Written by Pastor Steve Allen

Lord, he whom you loved is ill.” (vs. 3). “Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.” (vs. 5) “He was deeply moved in His spirit and greatly troubled.” (vs.33) “Jesus wept.” (vs. 35) “See how He loved him!” (vs. 35) “Then Jesus deeply moved again.” (vs. 38)

While reading John 11, I pray you take some time today and reflect on the words used to describe what Jesus was feeling and experiencing in this chapter. He loved, He was moved, He was greatly troubled, He wept, and He was deeply moved. I guess you could say that Jesus was “in touch” with His feelings. His emotions didn’t rule the day; He was emotionally healthy and alive! He was passionate and cared very much for those He came to seek and save. Jesus’ whole life was a picture of God’s passion for those He loved. Jesus came to heal, restore, forgive and bring victory over death so that we could all experience the resurrection and life that is found in Him alone.

As you go about your day never forget that you serve a passionate God who loves you, weeps for you, and is moved so deeply that He did everything possible to bring you abundant LIFE!

*“I searched all around the world to find a grain of truth.
I opened the mouth of LOVE and I found the wisdom tooth.”*

Larry Norman

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