



Friday, September 17th, 2010

SENT: LIVING OUR CHRISTIAN LIFE AS STREAMS OF BLESSINGS



"Rivers of living water will brim and spill out of the depths of anyone who believes in me" Jesus

We have spent the last few months examining the books of Acts. We have observed how this tiny and confused group of Jesus followers; with no political, economic, or cultural influence, was able to impact one of the most powerful and developed cultures in world history. *How did this happen?* They preached boldly that that true meaning for life

now and life in the future was found in Jesus Christ; found in repentance, belief and faith. They were restored to their father and understood their identity and life story was now caught up in their Father's story of restoration and redemption. They preached the *Heart* of the Gospel, but did not stop there, they lived out the Gospel in such a way that an entire culture took notice of how they cared, loved, served and provided for others. The *Scope* of the Gospel.

What changed?

When the Spirit was poured out on these Jesus followers at the Pentecost gathering, everything changed. In this weeks scripture we read that when we believe, streams of

living water pour out of us; that is the Holy Spirit working through us, bringing refreshment and nourishment to a world in a drought. Like the Israelites in the wilderness, when the rock was struck, living water of life was poured out to the people of God. Jesus was struck and the Spirit was poured to all those who believe. As believers, the Spirit desires to pour out refreshment of Jesus. We are simple vessels, God's Dixie Cups of Grace, which he uses to restore and quench the thirst of those broken and searching. May we look back on our Journey as Jesus followers and say, like the apostle Paul, we have been "poured out" bringing the refreshment of Living Water in Jesus.

Living Our Stories

- **CONGRATULATIONS TO JASON SELLS WHO IS ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED!** JASON AND TRACEY HAVE NOT SET A DATE BUT WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A CELEBRATION FOR THEM ON SEPTEMBER 24TH AT WINES BY JENNIFER. 6:15-8:30.
- **MENTORS NEEDED AT TLC** Mentors make a difference! 3 male mentors are needed as well as more female mentors. For more info click [here](#)
- **SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK** John 7:37-39. click [here](#).
- **QUOTE OF THE WEEK** ORTHODOXY, TO BE A BIBLE BELIEVING CHRISTIAN, ALWAYS HAS TWO FACES. IT HAS A CREEDAL FACE AND A PRACTICING FACE...DEAD ORTHODOXY IS ALWAYS A CONTRADICTION IN TERMS.



God's plan for our relationships

Next week Sunday is our *Table Talk* week and we will begin our new teaching series addressing how God directs our relationships for those who are married, single or divorced. With all the talk we have at Pathway about living a new way, living into a new story, does that new way have anything to do with some of our most intimate desires, needs and wishes; our relationships with the opposite sex?

We will address some of the big "S" words in our Christian walk: Sin and Submission. We will hear God speak in His word about being single or divorced.

Is church really more for families? How does God view divorce or remarriage? We will hear about the posture and roles that are to take place in a marriage relationship. Is a wife really supposed to submit to her

husband? Isn't that archaic and no longer relevant? Is the Husband the head of the home? Does that responsibility really need to fall on him?

How we function in our relationships gives great witness to the world around us of how the Gospel impacts our lives. Come prepared for some good discussion!

Snapshots:

- Tithes, Offerings and Support. Click [Here](#)
- Join us on [Facebook](#)
- Worship Team This Week-end: Rebecca, Andrew, Noah.
- Children's Ministry tThis Week: Kim J. in Pre-school, Tim F. in 1st-4th,
- Nursery: Danielle