

**May 19 | Sunday**

Come to the Waters: Thirsting for God

Read [Isaiah 55](#)



**20 | Mon – Necessity** | Read [John 4:1-10](#)

Without water, there is no life. You have probably heard these statistics - a person can go 40 days without food but only 3 days without water. It is one reason space exploration focuses on finding planets that have water. What about spiritual life? While God has provided physical water, there is spiritual water that Jesus offers. Where in your life do you need refreshment, cleansing, and life-changing 'water' to thrive?

**21 | Tue – The source** | Read [John 4:11-26](#)

Thirsty can describe your heart as well as your tongue. People can be 'thirsty' for many things and may find unhealthy, unholy ways to meet that need. The Samaritan woman is an example. Read her story carefully to see how Jesus showed her that her greatest need was something she had may have not considered before and then pointed her to the Source. What are you thirsty for? How are you trying to meet those need on your own? Is it working?

**22 | Wed – Scarcity** | Read [Matthew 5:6](#)

Jesus promised those who hunger and *thirst* for being in a right relationship with God and with others would be filled. What about the times you don't feel that thirst? You may know you *should* but just don't care all that much. That is an honest assessment and God *loves* honest people, so don't fake it. Those are the times when you can ask Him to make you thirsty and hungry for knowing Him, for caring about others. I promise God will be faithful to answer that prayer in ways that will amaze you.

**23 | Thu – Dead water** | Read [John 7:37-38](#)

Consider the difference between 'living' water and 'dead' water in the natural world. What makes one pond team with life while another is stagnant and stinky? They both receive water from natural springs or a creek flowing into them. The levels of both may rise from flooding or sink from drought. The difference is where the water goes. A living pond has an outlet but a dead pond does not. If you are feeling a little dead spiritually, what is a possible solution?

**24 | Fri – Spiritual water cycle** | Read [Isaiah 55:9-13](#)

Remember the water cycle you learned about in elementary school? These verses describe the Lord's spiritual water cycle (the powerful effect of His word). Starting with the statement that His thoughts are not like ours but are much higher, you can read how like rain they bring life and provision (v. 10-11), joy (v. 12) and are a constant sign of spiritual health (v. 13). What part of this chapter gives you encouragement in the dry times of life?

**25 | Sat – Resolution to a water crisis** | Read [Revelation 7:16-17 and 21:6 and 22:1-6, 17](#)

Does it seem like life is often a series of 'troubled waters'? The drought and flood, scarcity and abundance cycle will someday end. In Revelation where we read the end of the story, God promises you will never thirst again. All that you endure in this life will fade away...the pain, tears, wounds inside and out. A tree of life and a river of living water will be available constantly. If you believe these words, hope can be like a glass of cold water. Bottoms up!