Living Water

“Living water” is the normal Hebrew expression for running water, water in a river or flowing from a spring or fountain, rather than water in a lake, a cistern, or a well. Fresh, running water was especially prized in semi-arid Palestine. Several Old Testament passages use streams, springs, and living water as images of God’s gracious blessing, especially through His Spirit (Isaiah 44:3)

**1. Who gives living water?**—God alone

A. *Jesus* alone

John 4:10, 13-14; 7:37-39

B. *Yahweh (Jehovah)* alone

Jeremiah 2:9-13; 17:5-8, 13

**2. Who needs living water?**—the thirsty who are

A. Condemned for their *sins*

Isaiah 12:1-3; Zechariah 13:1

B. Overwhelmed by their *afflictions*

Isaiah 41:17-18

C. Addicted to their *desires*

Isaiah 55:1-2

D. Controlled by their *passions*

**3. How do we drink living water?**—by faith

A. *Come*

John 6:35; 7:37-38

B. *Believe*

C. *Ask*

John 4:10

**4. Why do our thirsts return?**—to teach us our heart’s  
  
*true desire* (Psalm 36:7-9)

**For Private Meditation or Family Discussion**

1. How did the Lord speak to you through the message? Did He put His finger on any habits or attitudes that you need to change? Did He encourage you regarding some difficulty, move you to undertake some new challenge, or open your heart to some truth you hadn’t seen before?

2. What are the soul-draining thirsts that you need Jesus Christ to satisfy?

3. Read Revelation 22:17. What hinders you from accepting this gracious invitation?