

# THE NEGLECTED SPRING



“Lord, why is my spirit so dry?

Why do you seem so far away?

Have you forgotten me?”

*“From the day you opened your heart to me,*

*I have provided you with a spring of living water. Why are you not drinking from it?”*

Whose fault is it when our spirits dry up and our faith falters?

If a spring of living water is close at hand,

If all we have to do is draw near and drink,

.... If we thirst, can we blame God?

***On the last day of the feast, the great day,  
Jesus stood up and proclaimed,  
“If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink.  
He who believes in me, as the scripture has said,  
‘Our of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.’”***

*John 7:37-38*

***“Come to me and drink.....”***

Take time to be alone and draw near me each day.

Listen for a word from me as you read the apostolic witness.

Speak to me about the needs of your own heart.

Practice my presence throughout the day.

Receive the people who cross your path as sent by me.

Let the living water you have received flow out to the lives you touch.

Know that I am nearer to you than your own breath.

**Trust me.**



***“Every one who drinks of this water will thirst again,  
but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst;  
the water that I shall give him will become in him  
a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”***

*John 4:13-14*

*Prayer: Lord, may we not neglect the spring of living water that is right here for us. Help us to hear your call to us, to receive the living water you offer us, to do what is necessary to draw close. Yes, help us to listen as we read, to speak to you of the needs of our heart, to practice your presence, to receive those you send to us and to let your living water flow to them. And may we ever know that you are near and honor that with devoted attention. Amen.*

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