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Insatiable Thirst

That is exactly what I was. **What's that?** I was thirsty. **How so? I was empty inside.** There was a void inside of me. I lacked hope and meaning. I had no purpose and direction. I had these vague feelings that there must be more to life. I wanted more. I did not know what that more was. I just knew that somewhere, somehow there was more to life than I was experiencing. I tried to fill that void by seeking comfort and pleasure. I tried to satisfy my thirst by trying to acquire all that the world had to offer. **Like what?** I tried to acquire wealth and power and possessions. I tried to accomplish achievements and receive recognition. I lived for the applause of the world. Nothing was enough. Nothing was satisfying. No matter what I did I remained empty inside and thirsty for what I did not know. **What happened?** The course that I was on hurt rather than helped me. **How so?** The empty and worldly life I was living left me bruised and battered. Living for comfort and pleasure leads to a dark and broken and painful, sin filled life. The wages of the life I was living began to pay it its death to me. Finally, I reached rock bottom. There was nowhere to turn. There was nothing I could do except cry out to you. You remember? **Yes, of course I do.** I shouted and begged and screamed for you to show yourself to me, if you were real. **Yes, you did.**

What did I do with your shouts and screams and begging? You accepted them as a prayer. **Yes, I did. Did I show myself to you? Did I pull you up from your rock bottom?** Yes, you did. You did that and much more. **What did I do?** You forgave my sins. You cleansed my unrighteousness. You adopted me into your family. You made me to be your child. You gave me a new life and made me alive in you. You put your Holy Spirit in me. You have made it so I can live and walk in an intimate relationship with you. You have given my life hope and meaning and purpose and direction. **Yes, I have done all these things for you.**

There is something else that you have done for me. There is something else I am especially thankful for. **What's that?** You have given me this insatiable thirst for you. I thirst for you and you satisfy me. I thirst for you again and again and you satisfy me again and again. Keep this hunger for you in me. Keep on satisfying my thirst for you. **Yes, I will.**

Lord, I knew there was a void inside me. I tried to fill my emptiness in many unsatisfying ways. I didn't know I was really thirsting for you. I wanted an intimate relationship with you. Thank you for drawing me to you and satisfying my never-ending thirst for you. Amen

The Holy Spirit *Come To Me And Drink*

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NIV John 7:37-39

The Holy Spirit *Come To Me!*

On the last day, the climax of the festival, Jesus stood and shouted to the crowds, "Anyone who is thirsty may come to me! Anyone who believes in me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, 'Rivers of living water will flow from his heart.'" (When he said "living water," he was speaking of the Spirit, who would be given to everyone believing in him. But the Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus had not yet entered into his glory.)

NLT John 7:37-39

The Holy Spirit *Come To Me*

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

NRSV John 7:37-39

The Holy Spirit *Come To Me And Drink!*

Now on the final and most important day of the Feast, Jesus stood, and He cried in a loud voice, If any man is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink! He who believes in Me [who cleaves to and trusts in and relies on Me] as the Scripture has said, From his innermost being shall flow [continuously] springs and rivers of living water. But He was speaking here of the Spirit, Whom those who believed (trusted, had faith) in Him were afterward to receive. For the [Holy] Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified (raised to honor).

AMP John 7:37-39

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NASB John 7:37-39

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ESV John 7:37-39

The Holy Spirit *Come To Me And Drink*

On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

NKJV John 7:37-39

The Holy Spirit *Come To Me And Drink*

On the final and climactic day of the Feast, Jesus took his stand. He cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Rivers of living water will brim and spill out of the depths of anyone who believes in me this way, just as the Scripture says." (He said this in regard to the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were about to receive. The Spirit had not yet been given because Jesus had not yet been glorified.)

MSG John 7:37-39

The Holy Spirit *Come To Me And Drink*

On the last day, the climax of the holidays, Jesus shouted to the crowds, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. For the Scriptures declare that rivers of living water shall flow from the inmost being of anyone who believes in me." (He was speaking of the Holy Spirit, who would be given to everyone believing in him; but the Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus had not yet returned to his glory in heaven.)

TLB John 7:37-39

The Holy Spirit *Come To Me And Drink*

On the last and most important day of the feast Jesus stood up and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. If anyone believes in me, rivers of living water will flow out from that person's heart, as the Scripture says." Jesus was talking about the Holy Spirit. The Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus had not yet been raised to glory. But later, those who believed in Jesus would receive the Spirit.

NCV John 7:37-39

Come To Me And Drink

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

The Holy Spirit – John 7:37-39

In Context: *Read John 7*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

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What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

When did first discover that you were empty and thirsting for a relationship with the Lord?

What did the Lord use to get your attention, so you would notice your thirst for Him?

Why would nothing from the world ever be able to satisfy what is your thirst for the Lord?

Who helped you in discovering how your thirst for the Lord could be satisfied?

How has your thirst for the Lord led you to draw near to Him?

How has the Lord been satisfying your never-ending thirst for Him?

How has the Lord been using you to help others, to be satisfied, in their thirst for Him?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Draw near to the Lord so He can satisfy your never-ending thirst for Him.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in our heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord will satisfy your never-ending thirst for Him as you draw near to Him.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how the Lord is satisfying your never-ending thirst for Him.

Close With Prayer: ***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you respond to the Holy Spirit, by drawing near to the Lord so that your thirst for Him can be satisfied.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will respond to the Holy Spirit by drawing near to you so that my thirst for you can be satisfied.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how will you satisfy my thirst as I draw near to you today?
