

THIRSTY.....DEHYDRATED??

We have come through another long, hot season with record breaking temps and droughts. According to Mayo Clinic the definition of dehydration is a harmful reduction in the amount of water in the body. We must have clean drinking water to survive! We can't survive more than 3-4 days without water! But, I don't want to focus on physical water but spiritual water.

Jesus said to the woman at the well in John 4:7-29, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I give him will become a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." In John 7:37, Jesus said, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me to drink." The world and all its offerings of filth through TV, internet, movies, porn, Super Bowl half time events etc. will never satisfy. Sometimes I just want to relax and watch a good movie but precious little is available. When we partake of filthy waters will it not take a toll and contaminate our own soul and spirit? Have we become lukewarm in what we participate in thinking there's no harm? Jeremiah 2:13, "For My people have committed two evils: they have forsaken Me, the Fountain of living water, and they have hewn out for themselves cisterns, broken cisterns which cannot hold water." The world is full of thirsty souls who are not satisfied and I would say that some are even in the churches.

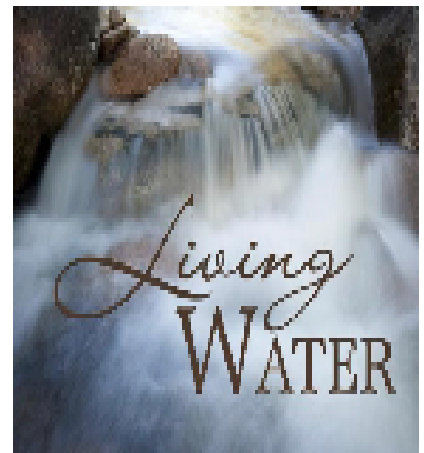
Psalms 42:1-2, "As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for You, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God." When we go to any other source other than the Lord, to quench our souls for entertainment or satisfaction....we will never be satisfied because we were created to thirst for God alone! The world has nothing to offer us! 2 Corinthians 6:17-18, "Come out from among them and be separate. Do not touch what is unclean and I will receive you."

Years ago when I did children's ministry on the south side, I did a simple lesson on what we take into our spirits and souls through our eyes and ears. I had a pitcher with clean water and a pitcher with nasty, dirty water. I asked for two volunteers and gave each of them two clear drinking glasses. I then poured from the clean water pitcher and told them to drink which they were happy to do. I then poured from the dirty water pitcher into their glasses and told them to drink and they looked at me like I was crazy and said, "no way!" I explained that when we see and listen to nasty things it's just like drinking dirty contaminated water and we get sick! This lesson applies to all of us doesn't it!! What are we offering through our lives to thirsty souls around us? John 7:38, "He who believes in Me, out of his heart (belly) will flow rivers of living water." Is there a mixture in our hearts of some clean and some dirty water? This mixture grieves Holy Spirit. Revelations 22:1, "And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb."

It's time for us to no longer compromise! If we think it's not affecting or hurting anyone...no one knows...we are being deceived because we are called to be holy as He is holy. (1Peter 1:16) Do we hunger and thirst for righteousness because if we do the Word says that we are blessed. (Matter 5:6) Are we dehydrated because we aren't spending precious time with the Lord...drinking of Him? We can't offer to others if we are not drinking in His Presence daily for ourselves.

I hope my feeble efforts to encourage or convict will hit the mark. I know Holy Spirit prompted me to write this and space always is a challenge because there were many more scriptures to use. One last verse from Psalms 1:1-3, "Blessed is the man/woman who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; but his/her delight is in the law of the Lord and in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water that brings forth its fruit in its season whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper."

So, if we are dehydrated then we will be wise in what or Who we drink! I am thirsty for more of Jesus and I pray you are, too! I love you all!! Rhonda



TOTAL SERVED

2,675

3 meals a week & groceries twice month



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3. (1) Pair of Gloves
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