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Greetings!

Thanks for clicking this weeks SelahGram. Karyn and I pray it causes you to pause and ponder: Selah.

Rain Barrels or Rivers

I'm finding that I crave the *reality* of God's presence and I hate staging. I'm developing a growing distaste for attempts to stage the presence of the Lord (**especially** when it's **me** attempting it.) I so love and thirst for the creative and spontaneous flow of the river of Fathers presence in, through and around me-the polar opposite of a well- structured religious event.

It was this dilemma that brought a stinging indictment in the book of Jeremiah against Judah. About Judah, God offers this striking commentary.

Jer 2:13 AMP *For My people have committed two evils: they have forsaken Me, the Fountain of living waters, and they have hewn for themselves cisterns, broken cisterns which cannot hold water.*

Cisterns are designed and built to contain water as a reservoir for when no flow is present. The thirsting heart can never be genuinely satisfied with a remnant of yesterdays flow. My heart yearns for the Living Water-for the river, not for a rain barrel. In the same way, it's not enough for me to taste of the river on Sunday and drink from a rain barrel for the rest of the week.

Judah's great evil was that they had forsaken the flow, preferring (or simply content with) the contained.



Add this thought...

Joh 4:14 (AMP) *But whoever takes a drink of the water that I will give him shall never, no never, be thirsty any more. But the water that I will give him shall become a spring of water welling up (flowing, bubbling) [continually] within him unto (into, for) eternal life.*

Living water. A flowing river not a reservoir, a channel, not a cistern. Selah.

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