

THIRSTY?

#10 AWAKEN SERIES

Introduction: Is the presence of God something you feel or see – or both?

- Have you ever sensed the presence of God so great that you always remember?
 - Some may not have experienced God’s presence at all.
 - Today could be the day...
- Moses’ dilemma:
 - People had already turned away from God
 - His leadership was being tested.
 - **M**oses asked God: “Who will you send with me?” (Exodus 33:12)

Exodus 33:14-16 *The Lord replied, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” Then Moses said to him, “If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?”*

- Don’t send us without your presence.
- Without God’s presence, we are no different from anybody else.
- Moses felt inadequate without God’s presence.

1. **C**ome

John 7:37-38 *On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.”*

- “Come” is recognizing I cannot do it on my own.
- It is acknowledging Jesus has the answer.
- The start of our Christian walk was to come to Jesus.
- What starts with our conversion continues as we grow in Christ.
- A desire to be filled with the Holy Spirit requires us to come to the one who fills us.

2. Drink

ILLUSTRATION: of a cup of water.

- To drink, you have to open your mouth
 - To receive, we have to ask.
- Symptoms of thirst: dry mouth; fatigue
 - If you are spiritually dry or fatigued, then you are thirsty enough to receive.

ILLUSTRATION: Demonic man that Jesus healed RAN to Jesus, and spoke his name (Mark 5:1-20)

Luke 11:9-13 *“So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.*

“Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

1John 5:14-15 *This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.*

Ephesians 3:20 *Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us...*

3. Believe

John 7:38 *Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.*

- Who believes?
- Belief in Jesus is the key.
 - A belief that Jesus wants to do what He did in the early church and more...



- Living water – fresh; life-giving.
- **T**he Spirit of God is in us for our benefit
 - The Holy Spirit is living, fresh, life-giving.
 - Refreshing of the Holy Spirit is essential for the long term fruit of the Spirit.
- **T**he Holy Spirit comes on us for others:
 - This is where the gifts of the Spirit are released.
 - Extraordinary faith
 - Word/s of knowledge
 - Healing
 - Helps
 - The Spirit enables us as we step out in faith.
- Corporate gatherings:
 - **A**cts 2 was a group meeting
 - Holy Spirit poured out
 - People experienced and saw
 - **A**cts 4:23-31 – People were praying for Peter and John
 - They saw and experienced the Lord.
- **A**ll through history, revival and outpouring of the presence started with a few, and God manifested His presence in a big way.

SOME COMMENTS FROM ASBURY

- His presence was the agenda – not the song, not my ministry to the poor, or justice, or evangelism, but to Jesus.
- Weight of God’s presence
- His presence removes burdens
- If we wait on him, He waits on us.