

SPIRITUAL THIRST – 2
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REVIEW: MATTHEW 5:6 (MSG)

- Although uniquely made, we all get hungry and thirsty.
- There is a natural thirst and a spiritual thirst.
- Thirst has levels – slightly, moderately and desperately.
- At Marah, Samson, and Jesus on the cross – desperately thirsty.
- David, Paul and blood issue woman – desperately thirsty spiritually.
- **ISAIAH 44:3 (MSG)** – God pours out His Spirit where people are thirsty for spiritual realities, not saturated with carnal realities.

CONTINUE: JEREMIAH 2:13 (NLT)

1. Everyone is spiritually dehydrated.
 - A. People may not know it, they may deny it, hate it, reject it, want to run from it, but it's true.
 - Put 100 people in the hot sun, 100 will get dehydrated as the Israelites were at Marah.
 - Separate 100 people from God through sin, and 100 people will get spiritually dehydrated and try to quench their thirst for God in ways that can never satisfy.
2. Everyone is thirsty for God.
 - A. When one feels unsatisfied, and unfulfilled in life, that's called spiritual thirst.
 - B. When one seeks satisfaction and fulfillment in the wrong places or in wrong things, that's called digging wells that can't hold water.
 - C. Only Jesus offers living water that can permanently quench one's thirst
3. The woman at the well. **JOHN 4:6-24**
 - A. She was thirsty:
 - For love – Married five times.
 - For acceptance – She was alone at the well.
 - For true religion – Where are we to worship?
 - B. Jesus offered her water that permanently satisfies. **JOHN 4:13-14**
 - **JOHN 4:28-30** – She left the well that could never satisfy and found love, acceptance and reality with God.
4. From a well to rivers. **JOHN 7:37-39**
 - A. The well represents eternal life, or the new creation.
 - B. Rivers refers to being filled with the Holy Ghost. **ACTS 1:8-14**
 - C. **ACTS 2:1-4** – The Shekinah Glory that filled the Temple, fills today's temple individually and collectively wherever the people thirst for more of God.
 - D. **ACTS 4:29-31**
5. Levels of the water. **EZEKIAL 47:3-5**
 - A. Ankle deep.
 - B. Knee deep.
 - C. Loin deep.
 - D. Waters to swim in.