

## Living Water

We all know how essential water is to life. We cannot live without it. Physical water is necessary for life, but so is Living water. Today's gospel is all about Living water.

So, what is Living water?

We produce nothing on our own; everything we have comes from God. So, upon Him, we are extremely dependent, because we can do nothing if we have nothing.

Urbanization is a challenge in this regard. On the farm, our dependence on God is obvious: regardless of how hard we work, good weather is necessary for success. We depend on Him for suitable weather.

In the city, where most things are readily available, the connection with God is more subtle. To understand the connection with God, the urbanite must recognize that what they have has passed through many hands before they receive it. Each of these hands must have something received from God to produce the final result. God has been a part of each stage in the final result. Since the commodity is easily taken for granted, the connection with God is usually ignored. This explains why faith tends to be stronger in rural areas.

Once we recognize our dependence on God for all aspects of our life, we can easily see, as did the Israelites of the time, the parallel between water and God for survival.

As Jesus told the Samaritan woman at the well, God wants to give us His Living water. He wants our faith. He wants us to learn to love one another. He wants us to spend time with Him so that we recognize our pain, and receive the Living water we need to soothe that pain. So, let's do this by making time to spend with Him here, either during adoration or on our own.