

# The Power of Living Water

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Dear Sisters

We must still remind ourselves of the power of living water and its importance in our everyday lives - not only is it needed to support the continuity of life, we also need to recognise the fact that it is in essence, the key to our very existence.

We are thankful to God who has given us an abundance of rain which has led to a bountiful harvest, and we pray for the autumn and winter rains to continue in the new season.

However, in recent times, we have seen the damaging impact of rainfall – the recent hurricane strikes in Puerto Rico, causing almost the entire island of 3.4 million people to be without power and water. Crops were destroyed, homes demolished and roads and bridges were washed away. Then we have the other extreme where there is drought which can be seen in East and Southern Africa where consecutive seasons of drought have led to scorched harvests and ruined livelihoods.

Amidst all these happenings, the ceremony of water drawing during the Feast of Tabernacle (also known as 'harvest feast' in the bible), ought to remind us about the power of the living water Zech 14:8. As children of God, we must remember and embrace Jesus's saying in 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."

Dear sisters, we must recognise that the gift of the living water is free and as individuals we must receive this as a gift. We must also remind ourselves that the human soul also has thirst, and when it goes without God, it gets thirsty.

There is a clear connection between water in the form of rain, and the Holy Spirit. Just like water is poured out and falls on the land, so is the Holy Spirit poured out and falls on God's children.

The effect will be the same, as the earth needs the autumn rain, so does our life need the rain of the Holy Spirit. "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink." This is God's invitation to us. Let's all come, drink and live. Living water is crucial for a fruitful and blessed life.

Have a wonderful Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Yours in Christ

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