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Whitewater fish can be raised, and living water brings eternal life

Judges, chapter 15

15:19 And God made the depression of Lech crack, and water gushed out of it. Samson drank and was restored. Therefore the name of that spring is Enhagori, and it is still in Lich.

The Bible records several places where water flows out of the stones:

Exodus 17:1-7 - This passage is an account of the Israelites' journey out of Egypt, when they encountered difficulties in Marah without water to drink. Moses miraculously struck a rock so that water gushed out so that the people could drink.

Natural Stone Water: This is a source of water obtained from stone or spring water in the natural environment, usually located in mountainous or remote areas, and is naturally filtered and infiltrated by rocks, so it is considered one of the purer water sources.

Tap water: Tap water is a treated water source, usually obtained from a reservoir or river, which is then treated and disinfected by a water plant and supplied to domestic and commercial use. This water may be chemically treated to remove bacteria and impurities.

Natural Stone Water: It is usually rich in minerals and trace elements due to the flow from natural spring water. These minerals are believed to be beneficial to the body, but the composition of the water also depends on the specific geological conditions of the place where it comes from.

Tap water: After treatment and sanitization, tap water may contain chlorine and other chemicals, as well as added fluoride.

Natural Stone Water: Due to the natural minerals, it may have a fresh, soft taste and may have a specific regional character.

John 4. Jesus met a Samaritan woman who was drawing water from a well and had a conversation with her.

In this dialogue, Jesus describes to the woman a "living water" that transcends physical needs, a symbol of spiritual fulfillment and eternal life. Jesus told her that whoever drank the water He gave him no longer desired, referring to spiritual fulfillment, not to literal material drinking.

The living water that Jesus spoke of represents God's grace and eternal life, which can satisfy the longing of the human heart, so that people no longer feel empty and longing. This dialogue emphasizes the spiritual fulfillment and divine grace that Jesus brings, a satisfaction that transcends worldly needs and leads to true peace and fulfillment.

The "living water" that Jesus refers to represents a deeper spiritual meaning and has an important symbolic meaning in the Christian faith.

Spiritual nourishment and contentment: The "living water" mentioned by Jesus symbolizes something that nourishes and satisfies the human soul. This does not simply refer to physical water, but to a spiritual power that satisfies one's inner and spiritual needs.

Salvation and Cleansing: In the Bible, living water is also seen as a symbol of cleansing and salvation. On many occasions, Jesus used the metaphor of "living water" as a metaphor for the divine power he brought and God's plan of salvation to cleanse people from sin and refresh their hearts.

Eternal Life and Spiritual Growth: Jesus called this living water "gushing into eternal life," which means that it gives not only present satisfaction, but also eternal life. This living water is believed to be a power to connect with God and to lead one to eternal growth and spiritual depth.

Therefore, the living water of Jesus is needed for those who seek spiritual nourishment, who seek true fulfillment, who seek salvation and cleansing, and who desire eternal life. Believers believe that by accepting Jesus Christ, they can receive this "living water" in their faith and experience inner peace, joy, and growth.

To find what Jesus called "living water," you can start by doing the following:

Faith and Seeking: First, express your desire for Jesus and your need for His salvation through prayer and spiritual seeking. Listening to what the Bible teaches about Jesus, especially His description and promise of living water, can help to understand and deepen the quest for this spiritual life.

Acceptance of Jesus Christ: According to the Christian faith, accepting Jesus Christ as a personal Savior is the first step in experiencing living water. It means believing that Jesus is the Son of God, accepting His salvation, and deciding to follow His teachings and lifestyle.

Prayer and Spiritual Practice: Seek deeper spiritual nourishment through prayer, meditation, and communion with God. This can be a personal prayer time, reading the Bible, attending church meetings, sharing experiences with other believers, etc., all of which can help to grow spiritually.

Church and Community Involvement: Church and faith community involvement is also a way to experience living water. In these groups, you can share experiences, Xi the Bible, pray together, and receive teaching and support with other believers, which can help foster spiritual growth and the experience of living water together.

Good deeds and charity: Practicing the teachings of Jesus in our daily lives, doing good evangelism, caring for others, respecting and loving others, is also a way to experience living water and pass on this life.

Finding the living water of Jesus is a personal spiritual journey that can be deepened through faith, prayer, learning, Xi, and practice. It is important to keep an open mind, seek connection with God, and continue to grow on the path of faith.

## We pray together

Heavenly Father, thank You for giving us this opportunity to come together. We thank You for giving us Jesus Christ, our Savior and the Source of life. Thank you for giving us the living water He brings, the living water that flows with love, grace and truth.

Help us to experience the power of this living water. May our hearts be nourished and fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Ask You to guide us to continually experience the peace, joy, and comfort He brings in our daily lives.

Grant us wisdom and strength to grow in our faith. Help us to follow Jesus' example by doing good and preaching, loving one another, and passing on His love to those around us.

Thank You for Your grace and love. May our hearts feel the flow of Jesus' living water at all times, let it nourish our lives, and allow us to be instruments to deliver Your message of love and salvation to the world.

In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

## Judges Chapter 15

Ju. 15:1 Later on, at the time of wheat harvest, Samson took a young goat and went to visit his wife. He said, "I'm going to my

wife's room." But her father would not let him go in. Ju. 15:2 "I was so sure you thoroughly hated her," he said, "that I gave her to your friend. Isn't her younger sister more

attractive? Take her instead."

Ju. 15:3 Samson said to them, “This time I have a right to get even with the Philistines; I will really harm them.”

Ju. 15:4 So he went out and caught three hundred foxes and tied them tail to tail in pairs. He then fastened a torch to every pair of tails,

Ju. 15:5 lit the torches and let the foxes loose in the standing corn of the Philistines. He burned up the shocks and standing corn, together with the vineyards and olive groves.

Ju. 15:6 When the Philistines asked, “Who did this?” they were told, “Samson, the Timnite’s son-in-law, because his wife was given to his friend.” So the Philistines went up and burned her and her father to death.

Ju. 15:7 Samson said to them, “Since you’ve acted like this, I won’t stop until I get my revenge on you.”

Ju. 15:8 He attacked them viciously and slaughtered many of them.

Then he went down and stayed in a cave in the rock of Etam. Ju. 15:9 The Philistines went up and camped in Judah, spreading out near Lehi.

Ju. 15:10 The men of Judah asked, “Why have you come to fight us?”

“We have come to take Samson prisoner,” they answered,

“to do to him as he did to us.”

Ju. 15:11 Then three thousand men from Judah went down to the cave in the rock of Etam and said to Samson, “Don’t you realise that the Philistines are rulers over us? What have you done to us?” He answered, “I merely did to them what they did to me.”

Ju. 15:12 They said to him, “We’ve come to tie you up and hand you over to the Philistines.” Samson said, “Swear to me that you won’t kill me yourselves.”

Ju. 15:13 “Agreed,” they answered. “We will only tie you up and hand you over to them. We will not kill you.” So they bound him with two new ropes and led him up from the rock.

Ju. 15:14 As he approached Lehi, the Philistines came towards him shouting. The Spirit of the LORD came upon him in power. The ropes on his arms became like charred flax, and the bindings dropped from his hands.

Ju. 15:15 Finding a fresh jaw-bone of a donkey, he grabbed it and struck down a thousand men.

Ju. 15:16 Then Samson said, “With a donkey’s jaw-bone I have made donkeys of them. With a donkey’s jaw-bone I have killed a thousand men.”

Ju. 15:17 When he finished speaking, he threw away the jaw-bone; and the place was called Ramath Lehi.

Ju. 15:18 Because he was very thirsty, he cried out to the LORD, “You have given your servant this great victory. Must I now die of thirst and fall into the hands of the uncircumcised?”

Ju. 15:19 Then God opened up the hollow place in Lehi, and water came out of it. When Samson drank, his strength returned and he revived. So the spring was called En Hakkore, and it is still there in Lehi.

Ju. 15:20 Samson led Israel for twenty years in the days of the Philistines.

The Book of Judges, Chapter 15 in the Christian Bible talks about Samson's revenge against the Philistines, who had taken his wife and given her to another man.

Samson went to visit his wife with a young goat as a gift, but her father told him that she had been given to another man. In his anger, Samson caught three hundred foxes, tied them tail to tail in pairs, and attached a torch to each pair. He then let the foxes loose in the Philistines' fields, causing widespread destruction.

The Philistines retaliated by burning Samson's wife and her father. In response, Samson attacked the Philistines with great fury, killing many of them. He then went to live in a cave in the rock of Etam.

The chapter ends with the Philistines coming up to attack Judah, and the men of Judah asking Samson why he had caused trouble with the Philistines. Samson replied that he had only done to them what they had done to him, and the men of Judah went to the Philistines to make peace.

The story in Chapter 15 of The Book of Judges continues to show the ongoing conflict between the Israelites and the Philistines, as well as Samson's strength and determination in seeking revenge for his wife's mistreatment. It also shows the political dynamics within Israel, with the men of Judah seeking to maintain peace with the Philistines.

Here are some key verses from Judges chapter 15:

1. "Later on, at the time of wheat harvest, Samson took a young goat and went to visit his wife. He said, 'I'm going to my wife's room.' But her father would not let him go in." (Judges 15:1)

2. "Samson said to them, 'This time I have a right to get even with the Philistines; I will really harm them.' So he went out and caught three hundred foxes and tied them tail to tail in pairs. He then fastened a torch to every pair of tails, lit the torches and let the foxes loose in the standing grain of the Philistines. He burned up the shocks and standing grain, together with the vineyards and olive groves." (Judges 15:3-5)

3. "They said to him, 'We have come to tie you up and hand you over to the Philistines.' Samson said, 'Swear to me that you won't kill me yourselves.'

'Agreed,' they answered. 'We will only tie you up and hand you over to them. We

will not kill you.' So they bound him with two new ropes and led him up from the rock." (Judges 15:12-13)

4. "As he approached Lehi, the Philistines came toward him shouting. The Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon him. The ropes on his arms became like charred flax, and the bindings dropped from his hands." (Judges 15:14)

5. "Then Samson said, 'With a donkey's jawbone I have made donkeys of them. With a donkey's jawbone I have killed a thousand men.'" (Judges 15:16)

Judges chapter 15 provides a reflection on Samson's retaliation against the Philistines after his wife is given to another man, showcasing both his strength and the cycle of violence that ensues.

The chapter begins with Samson visiting his wife, intending to reconcile with her, only to find out that she has been given to another man. In response, Samson captures 300 foxes, ties their tails together, and sets them on fire, releasing them into the Philistine's fields. This act of destruction infuriates the Philistines, and they retaliate by burning Samson's wife and her father.

Enraged by the death of his wife, Samson launches an attack on the Philistines, killing many of them with the jawbone of a donkey. He then proclaims a victory song, acknowledging God's strength and deliverance.

The reflection in Judges chapter 15 prompts us to consider the consequences of unchecked anger and the cycle of violence that can result from it. Samson's initial act of revenge with the foxes leads to a series of escalating retaliations from both sides, resulting in more violence and bloodshed. It serves as a cautionary reminder of the destructive nature of anger and the need for self-control and discernment in our actions.

Additionally, the story highlights Samson's reliance on God's strength for his victories. Despite his flawed character and impulsive actions, Samson acknowledges God's role in his triumphs and attributes his success to the empowerment of the Spirit of the Lord. This reflection reminds us of the importance of recognizing and acknowledging God's presence and assistance in our own lives.

Furthermore, the chapter raises questions about the cycle of violence and the need for reconciliation. Samson's retaliatory actions perpetuate a cycle of violence between the Israelites and the Philistines, without offering a path towards resolution or reconciliation. This reflection

prompts us to consider the importance of seeking peaceful solutions and pursuing reconciliation instead of perpetuating violence and vengeance.

Overall, Judges chapter 15 provides a reflection on the consequences of unchecked anger, the reliance on God's strength, and the need for reconciliation. It calls us to examine our own responses to provocation, to seek peaceful resolutions, and to acknowledge God's role in our victories. It also reminds us of the destructive nature of cycles of violence and the importance of pursuing paths of reconciliation and peace.