



Charles writes:

“Where the river flows everything will live”, part of a prophecy given in Ezekiel 47. I find these words challenging but also encouraging, because when we are filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus said that **“rivers of living water”** will flow out from us. So I ask myself, **“What is flowing out from my life?”** It is not a matter of trying harder, or giving a better performance, but a living loving relationship with God, out of which comes a natural flow of life.

I was recently talking to a lady in Wales, who I had come into contact with many years ago at a conference where we had been asked to gather in groups and pray for each other. This lady had been in my group and as we prayed words into each others lives, I had given her a word which she had written in the back of her Bible. It had proved to be a word of encouragement that had brought life and strength over a considerable period of time. I had no memory of it, and yet it had been a river that had flowed through the many challenges and circumstances that she had faced, and it had brought life.

Wherever we go we carry Jesus, and as we seek to be constantly filled with His Spirit a river is flowing. It brings life to those we meet, we may speak a specific word, or it may simply be to extend love and friendship. It should be natural and part of the way we live, we do not need to consciously try to impress or to say something significant.

There are times when the devil wants to tell us that our lives are meaningless and to rob us of value and dignity, but those are lies and need to be rejected. Letting the river flow is not difficult. Jesus spoke to the woman at the well about a spring of water welling up to eternal life, every believer has that spring, and when we are filled with the Spirit, **“the stream of living water will flow from within.”**

As you live in connection with God, let His love fill you and expect a river to flow out from you and bring life wherever you go.

