

Jesus was asking a Samaritan women for a drink of water. It was already unusual for him to be talking to a Samaritan, even more so a woman on his own and at midday. She is quick to comment on the impropriety of the situation, to which Jesus replies: *“If you knew the generosity of God and who I am, you would be asking me for a drink, and I would give you fresh, living water”* (John 4:10 The Message). He went on to say the water he was talking about would totally quench her thirst, and she would also have an internal supply, a spring within.

We don't know the details, but undoubtedly she had a life changing encounter, which led to her bringing many others for *“a drink”*. The thing that struck me was the *“if”*

“If” you knew the generosity of God!
“If” you knew who I am!
“If” you asked!

Jesus did know the love and generosity of his Father, he knew the unlimited resources, the creative power of the word of God, the fact that everything was possible. He who was with the Father when the world was spoken into being. He who was in such constant and intimate connection that Martha after the death of her

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brother could say, *“I know whatever you ask God He will give you”*. (John 11:22)

Jesus prayed for us – you and me – that we would know the intimacy that He had with the Father (John 17:11), that we would hear His voice with the same clarity, and experience His love and presence. Jesus got what he asked for – and by faith it is possible for us to receive the same. (John 14:12)

If we really knew that God is good, generous, kind and merciful; that Jesus is our friend as well as our Saviour, we would constantly be asking for his life giving resources.

John 16:23 in The Message says: *“This is what I want you to do: Ask the Father for whatever is in keeping with the things I’ve revealed to you. Ask in my name, according to my will, and he’ll certainly give it to you. Your joy will be like a river overflowing its banks!”*

I want the *“if”* to become a certainty, both for me and you, so that we may constantly see the greater things Jesus promised.



We went with them to Swimming lessons, Gym Club and Ballet, and had three Sundays at their Church. Ben and Anne had a couple of nights away leaving us with four lively children. We had a wonderful trip to the Great Barrier Reef and to other amazing beauty spots.

We were then able to return to Brisbane for a final few days with Audrey and Bill, when we had a wonderful picnic at the Queen Mary Falls, and on our final day out we ate the most incredible prawns you have ever seen.

As we arrived back home we were greeted by our family from Germany, Coralie, Jens and their six children, so our full-on family time continued.

We saw wonderful sights, but the lasting memories are the time spent with people. It was a privilege to have extended time with our family and friends, and we were stirred in our faith as we heard of the way God was at work.



BOOKS

We don't write books every day, and some of our books were written several years ago.

However, recently a Study Group in a Church near us bought many copies of *“Help Yourself to Health”* which they are working through week by week. The book gives practical teaching on how to live healthily both spiritually and in every day life. Joyce recently received a message on Facebook, to say that one of her *‘friends’* was encouraging all her friends to read *“Can you Hear God?”* We often constantly positive feedback on Joyce's latest book *“What do these stones mean?”*

You can buy any of our books on the website – just click Products and follow the instructions, you don't necessarily need a Paypal account!

