

River of God

Responsive

The river of God, the Spirit, His presence - however we define - it is always waiting to respond to us. The more we drink, the more thirsty we'll get; the more we 'swim', the more we'll want to dive into God; etc. In other words, "draw near to God and He will draw near to you" (James 4:7). [From here on, I'll use the word 'river' to describe this = ask the Lord what it means for you and perhaps study it on your own].

Internal

The river proceeds from without (God), to within (us). He is the source and no one else. Others can get us wet (as the next letter will show), but it takes a move, a responsive move of God to our desire, to fill us up. However you can get close to God - in quiet, in worship, in communal intercession - make sure that your goal and the end result you seek is getting more of God's river inside.

Viral

It's infectious and contagious, both to every area of our life, as well as to those we come into contact with (as we'll see more in the next letter). The river flows and has no boundaries unless we erect them. In contrast to bad viruses, God's viral river will begin to mutate the bad things in our life to good; it will change us internally to such an extent that the external will begin to reflect Him more. It changes us.

Evangelistic

God's river isn't just for believers to wade through it's wonderfully refreshing flow. It's to affect us to such a degree that we cannot help but affect others. We'll get some folks wet, and some people hate getting wet. But some will relish it and want more of it's refreshment; and His river, in us, will flow out of us to change and bless our neighbors, friends, and families. His river has evangelistic power.

Real

His river is real, not faddish; real, not occasional; real, not happenstance; real, not faked. What His river is and does cannot be artificially replicated by fancy, emotional sermons, teachings, or books. It is real. Its the real deal. Its not a camp meeting, songfest, or prayer meeting. The river of God affects all of those, but it is not any of those. The river touches us deeply and we never have to leave its shores.