



Shofar Christian Church

LIFE I PART2

RIVERS IN DESERTS

Retief Uys

- ✓ Fishers of Men
- ✓ Kinsman Redeemers
- ✓ Pray for the Labourers
- ✓ The Harvest and the Lost



LIFE

What we all need
Have to give

New Testament | “life” | original Greek language:

1. Bios, in Luke 8:14: “...anxieties and riches and pleasures of this life.” This Greek word refers to the life of the physical body and is where we get the word biology.

2. Psuche, in Matt. 16:25: “For whoever wants to save his soul-life shall lose it.” The Greek word here refers to the psychological life of the human soul, that is, the mind, emotion, and will. It is where we get the word psychology.

3. Zoe in John 1:4: “In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.” Here the Greek word refers to the uncreated, eternal life of God, the divine life uniquely possessed by God.

**www.biblesforamerica.com*

zōē

THE GOD KIND OF LIFE

ZOE life = Holy Spirit Life

John 6:63 The Spirit is the One who gives life.

[ZOE] The flesh doesn't help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life. [ZOE]

Where does God like to bring ZOE life?

1. Streams of LIFE:

BEGINNING OF THE YEAR: “It’s a New Day”

And over the New Year – Isaiah 43:19
popped up everywhere:

Isaiah 43:19 (ESV)

**Behold, I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not
perceive it? I will make a way in the
wilderness and rivers in the desert.**

Where can God bring ZOE rivers of LIFE?
[Holy Spirit life]

And where not? God of the impossible –

Exodus 17 (NIV) Water From the Rock

17 The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. 2 So they quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.”

Moses replied, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?”

3 But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?” 4 Then Moses cried out to the LORD, “What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me.” 5 The LORD answered Moses, “Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. 6 I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink.” So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel.

2. The Deserts and the Rivers:

2.1 The tuff stuff:

What is the Wilderness and where are the deserts?

Do you have faith that God can break through in these 'deserts'?

So, what do we need then?

2.2 Wellsprings:

John 4:1-42 (HCSB) | Jesus and the Samaritan Woman
4 When Jesus knew that the Pharisees heard He was making and baptizing more disciples than John 2 (though Jesus Himself was not baptizing, but His disciples were), 3 He left Judea and went again to Galilee. 4 He had to travel through Samaria, 5 so He came to a town of Samaria called Sychar near the property that Jacob had given his son Joseph. 6 Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, worn out from His journey, sat down at the well. It was about six in the evening.

7 A woman of Samaria came to draw water.
“Give Me a drink,” Jesus said to her, 8 for His disciples had gone into town to buy food.
9 “How is it that You, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?” she asked Him. For Jews do not associate with Samaritans. 10 Jesus answered, “If you knew the gift of God, and who is saying to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would ask Him, and He would give you living water.” 11 “Sir,” said the woman, “You don’t even have a bucket, and the well is deep. So where do You get this ‘living water’? 12 You aren’t greater than our father Jacob, are You? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and livestock.”

13 Jesus said, “Everyone who drinks from this water will get thirsty again.14 But whoever drinks from the water that I will give him will never get thirsty again—ever! In fact, the water I will give him will become a well of water springing up within him for eternal life.”

15 “Sir,” the woman said to Him, “give me this water so I won’t get thirsty and come here to draw water.”

16 “Go call your husband,” He told her, “and come back here.”



So, what do we
need then?

“Everyone who drinks from this water will get thirsty again.¹⁴ But whoever drinks from the water that I will give him will never get thirsty again—ever! In fact, the water I will give him will become a well[f]of water springing up within him for eternal life.”

You are the RIVER IN THE DESERT

3. Rivers of retribution:

On a personal level...

John 10:10 (NKJV)

10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

And in our communities and country...

John 4:10 Jesus answered, “If you knew the gift of God, and who is saying to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would ask Him, and He would give you living water.”

The SPIRIT GIVES LIFE

LIFE

Isaiah 43:19 (ESV)

Behold, I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive
it? I will make a way in the wilderness and
rivers in the desert.

Bring the deserts to Him



PRAYER TIME

LIFE