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I've read and heard some amazing stories of people being inspired by the courage of faith. Charlie Kirk said he wanted to be known for. I've heard people who would never darken the doors of the church before say they went to church on Sunday, some for the first time ever and some for the first time in years. They wanted to know about this God who people are willing to die for. I am praying for the Lord to do miraculous things in our nation and in the world to bring many people to Christ... and to ignite a fire in the hearts of believers throughout the world that can't be put out. I pray we will take a genuine, honoring stand... not for Charlie Kirk (I know he would not even want that), but for his Savior and ours, Jesus Christ. O Lord, please make it so!

*Blessings,
Jonna*

John 7:37-39, Revelation 21:1-7

On the first day God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. Jesus is the light, and He has shone His light into my heart. On the second, God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters... and it was so." The water points me to the living water, the Holy Spirit... as I see in Jesus' own words in John 7.

It was the last day of the Feast of Booths, an annual Jewish feast where the Jews commemorated the 40 years in the wilderness, where God continued to dwell with man. What is so awesome about this to me is that He dwelled with the Israelites during those 40 years even when they were rebellious. HE disciplined them in their rebellion, but He never abandoned them.

In John 7:37-39, it was the last day (8th day) of the feast. I learned from the Enduring Word commentary ~ "All through the first seven days water from the Pool of Siloam was carried in a golden pitcher and poured out at the altar to remind everyone of the water God miraculously provided for a thirsty Israel in the wilderness. It seems that on the eighth day there

was no pouring of water - only prayers for water - to remind them that they came into the Promised Land." I imagine the people were thirsty on this 8th day without the water. Jerusalem is HOT.

Jesus stood up on the last day of the feast and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" Jesus always knows what I need to hear. Sometimes He allows me to experience what I'm missing so that I will be more receptive to Him when He offers me what I need. I need His water.

What is this water that He offers? "Now this He said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified." The Holy Spirit is the living water I need FLOWING from my heart. He quenches my thirst. But 1 Thessalonians 5:19 warns me, "Do not quench the Spirit." If I quench the Spirit who seals me, who leads me, who helps me overcome sin, who transforms me... I WILL be thirsty. How often am I standing right in front of His rivers of living water, but refuse to take a drink because I want to do things in my own strength? How long can I last in a desert without water? I can't create light. I can't create water. But God offers me HIS light, Jesus Christ. And He offers me HIS water, the Holy Spirit.

The true light of Jesus is eternal. The living water of the Holy Spirit is eternal. Revelation 21:1-7 shows me what God is offering when He calls me to His light and His living water... When it's all said and done... When God finally puts an end to the evil of this world... this is the promise for all who have confessed Jesus as Lord and have been and sealed by the Holy Spirit...

Vs. 1-2 ~ The brokenness of this world will be gone... replaced by a NEW heaven and a NEW earth, and the HOLY city, the NEW Jerusalem. When Jesus was leaving this earth, He told the disciples He went to prepare a place for us. This new, holy Jerusalem will not be tainted by sin. It will come down out of heaven from God Himself... prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. It's gonna be beautiful. The streets of stone will be replaced by streets of gold.

Vs. 3 ~ As John saw this vision of what is still to come, he heard a voice from the throne. That's the voice of God! God Himself says, "Behold... check it out... there's reason to worship coming... The dwelling place of God is with man." This was what God had planned from the beginning. This is what was destroyed in the Garden of Eden when Adam and Eve chose to rebel against Him. He didn't hold a grudge. He immediately revealed a plan to restore what man had broken through selfish desires. That blows my mind.

This also blows my mind... The dwelling place of God is with man. HE will dwell with us. We will be HIS people. He will be OUR God. If I walk up to the White House and say, "I would like to meet with the president please," they will ask me if he has invited me to see him. Nope. I just want to talk to him. Nope. You can't.

But the God who spoke the world into existence wants to not only meet with me, but dwell with

me in relationship forever... because Jesus bought my entrance ticket, and the Holy Spirit has placed a royal seal on me that says I belong there. If one of the president's kids showed up at the door of the White House, they would recognize and welcome him. I'm the kid of the King!!! He welcomes me into His presence... because I received the light and the living water flows from my heart.

Vs. 4 ~ What will this dwelling place be like? My God will wipe every tear from my eyes. All the pain and suffering of death will be gone. All the mourning and pain and crying of this broken world will be gone. I won't be asking Jesus why He allowed the hard stuff to take place on earth. I'll finally realize what He knew all along... The sufferings of this broken world are temporary, but the hope of what's to come is eternal.

Vs. 5 ~ When I received Jesus as my Savior, I became a new creation in Christ. My old spiritually dead body died with Christ. My new spiritually alive body was made alive in Christ. And when God brings this new heaven and earth and wipes away all my tears, he will also say... "Behold... check it out... there is reason to worship... I am making ALL things new."

That's what He does. That's who He is. He makes all things new. There is nothing I ever face here on earth that God can't redeem. There is nothing I experience that God doesn't use for good. There is no part of eternity where He whose character never changes is not making all things new. Every word of God is trustworthy and true.

Vs. 6-7 ~ God spoke again... "It is done." What is done? The old is done. The suffering is done. Sin is done. Death is done. By what authority does God speak? How can I trust what He says? "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end." He spoke the world into existence. The living word spoke life into my soul. Isaiah 46:10 says He "declares the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish ALL My purpose,'" He has fulfilled every prophecy about the first coming of Jesus from ancient times. And He WILL fulfill every prophecy to come. I can trust Him because He keeps His word.

Then He said, "To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment." This sounds exactly like the words He spoke in Isaiah 55, "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price." O Lord, I have nothing to give You in payment for the living water You offer. But You tell me my money's no good with You. You cover my debt. Praise Your name.

"The one who conquers WILL have this heritage, and I will be his God, and he will be My son." Who is the one who conquers??? 1 John 5:5 tells me ~ "Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?" That's me! I believe!!!

God says these statements...

- *The dwelling place of God is with men.*
- *He will wipe away every tear from our eyes.*
- *He will remove death.*
- *He will take away the need to cry or mourn.*
- *Pain will be gone.*
- *The old hard things will pass away.*
- *He makes all things new.*
- *His words are trustworthy and true.*
- *He, the Alpha and Omega, will complete the work.*
- *He gives the water of life without requiring any payment.*
- *He is my heritage. I am His daughter.*

O Lord, praise You for quenching my thirst with the living water of the Holy Spirit. Let me never quench the Holy Spirit again. Thank You so much for the life I have with you for all eternity!!!