

Brynmawr Family Church Sermon

The River in Ezekiel (Ez 47:1-12)
Stuart Wheatman, Sunday 24th May 2008

Source (v1)

- Comes from the throne- presence of God-the glory. This must be our source
- Where life comes from, healing etc- all in the glory
- Intimacy=key- Fall in love with Jesus- romance Him

Power (v5)

- Wadi's- flash floods, dangerous
- Could not be crossed- Aslan lion cannot be tamed-roar lion Judah
- Ruach of God- mighty rushing wind (Alaska outpouring)
- Dunamis power of God-Acts- dangerous-powerlines-power house- no longer in word only
- Can only be swam in-get in river- start to put faith in God's power- leave the gaps for God to move in your life, pioneer forward, decide to move in signs & wonders- Liqorice Allsorts- you bring the healing

Life (v9)

- Life- brings life where death previous. Spirit that raised Jesus is in us
- Revival=church wakes up & starts living again
- Dead sea-lowest point on earth, nothing grows, float-salt, Lot's wife, Sodom & Gom (Mappa mundi)
- Isaiah-streams in the desert.
- Apathy? Depression? Defeated? Need to get into river+spread life to dead areas- David commanded his own soul to praise God & depression lifted
- The need to get in the river (v 11)- places resisting the river become dead-salt

Unity

- A river that doesn't agree on where it's going is no longer a river but a pond & becomes stagnant. Pulling in all directions will cause standstill. We will offend some, but we are going for the glory
- As in one accord in acts wind/fire came- choose to go for the fire

Evangelism (v 10)

- Teaming with fish. Evang comes out of revival, not other way round
- catch fish as a sign-Peter tried his methods then tried Jesus'-it's time to trust the kings methods- He knows how best to catch fish
- Suspension bridge-'trust me' (I'm a doctor)

Church planting (v 12)

- Where the river flows the trees grow- feed on the stream- growth in the glory
- River of fire through the valleys- churches planted
- We go where the river leads us- Acts 16:6,7- Spirit of Jesus would not let them
- Cloud of the glory.
- Could only do what saw Father doing- become sensitive to prompting of Spirit

Feeding-fruit (v 12)

- We are chosen to bear fruit- as Spirit flows we have fruit- we are fed & we have something to feed others

- Fruit every month- constant fruitfulness
- Blessings of Abraham- stars- our family tree of descendants
- Bethlehem-house of bread- you give them something to eat- we all have a teaching ministry & responsibility

Healing leaves (v 12)

- The church is for the healing of the nations. Leaves=medicine. We have the cure- we have an obligation to give the injection -people need it- they will thank us later
- Healing bodies, emotions, whole person due to finished work of Christ on cross- full gospel
- Dr John G Lake (1870-1935) in Spokane Washington- the city the healthiest in the nation acc. To ther mayor. My word from Brian Hayward- the Anneuran Bevan memorial- healing to community- Steve's word before coming to us, Christine's word
- God wants to use little old you- person who got saved watching the Jesus vid & raised her dead son after seeing Jesus do it on the video.