

# Jesus revealed in the book of John

## Chapter 7 The Outpouring of the Holy Spirit

# Some Mind-Blowing “Side” Points

John 7:5

“For even his own brothers did not believe in Him.”

- Jesus’ identity was not shaped by the people around Him, it was shaped by the Father
- The Father believes in you even when others don’t, even people close to you

# Some Mind-Blowing “Side” Points

John 7:6

“The right time for me has not yet  
come...”

- God wants us to be energized with ideas, dreams and vision
- But we need to follow His timing
- And never have “pressure” in our hearts because God unrolls His purposes for us when the timing is perfect – peace!

# Some Mind-Blowing “Side” Points

John 7:17

“If anyone chooses to do God’s will, he will find out whether my teaching comes from God...”

- In the Kingdom, revelation comes only to those who open themselves to embrace God’s will and obey
- In specific areas, we can be “blinded” to the truth if we’ve closed our hearts

# “Lightly Salted” Christianity

- vs 51 - God used Nicodemus “on the inside” of Christ’s enemies
- Salt mustn’t lose its saltiness but it needn’t be overpowering
- We need power evangelism but also ways to “infiltrate” culture
- Love God and love people



# The Feast of Tabernacles

- Gathering after harvest-time - people camped in tents to celebrate
- Jesus would have stood on the outside of the Temple, probably at the top of the steps for vs 37



# The River of the Holy Spirit

The Priests Poured  
Water to Symbolize  
Ezekiel 47



- Jesus offers water that flows from the heart not the temple
- The real fulfilment of Ezekiel 47
- No more religion, just the life of God through the Holy Spirit

# The River of Life is the Presence of God

- God's plan for every Christian is to have a constant flowing river of the Holy Spirit
- The Holy Spirit is no different from the Father or the Son – the Holy Spirit is the Presence of the Father and Son with you
- Your experience of God's Presence is meant to increase and not dry up – like a river
- It starts with the baptism in the Holy Spirit

# Holy Spirit Baptism is Not at Salvation

Acts 19:1-6

“While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples and asked them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” They answered, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” So Paul asked, “Then what baptism did you receive?” “John’s baptism,” they replied. Paul said, “John’s baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.

# Increasing the River the Holy Spirit

## Ezekiel's River (ch 47)



- By thirsting (Jn 7:37)
- By believing (Jn 7:38)
- Worship and prayer in a fresh way (Acts 13:2, 4:31)
- By waiting on God (Acts 1:4, Is 40:31)
- By “abiding” in His love and His word (John 15)

# What Happens Next?

- Ezekiel's river got stronger the further away it went from the temple – God want to reach every corner of this world through His life in you
- A stronger witness offering a “real encounter”
- More of God's love
- You will be empowered, your gifts accelerated
- He makes you like Jesus

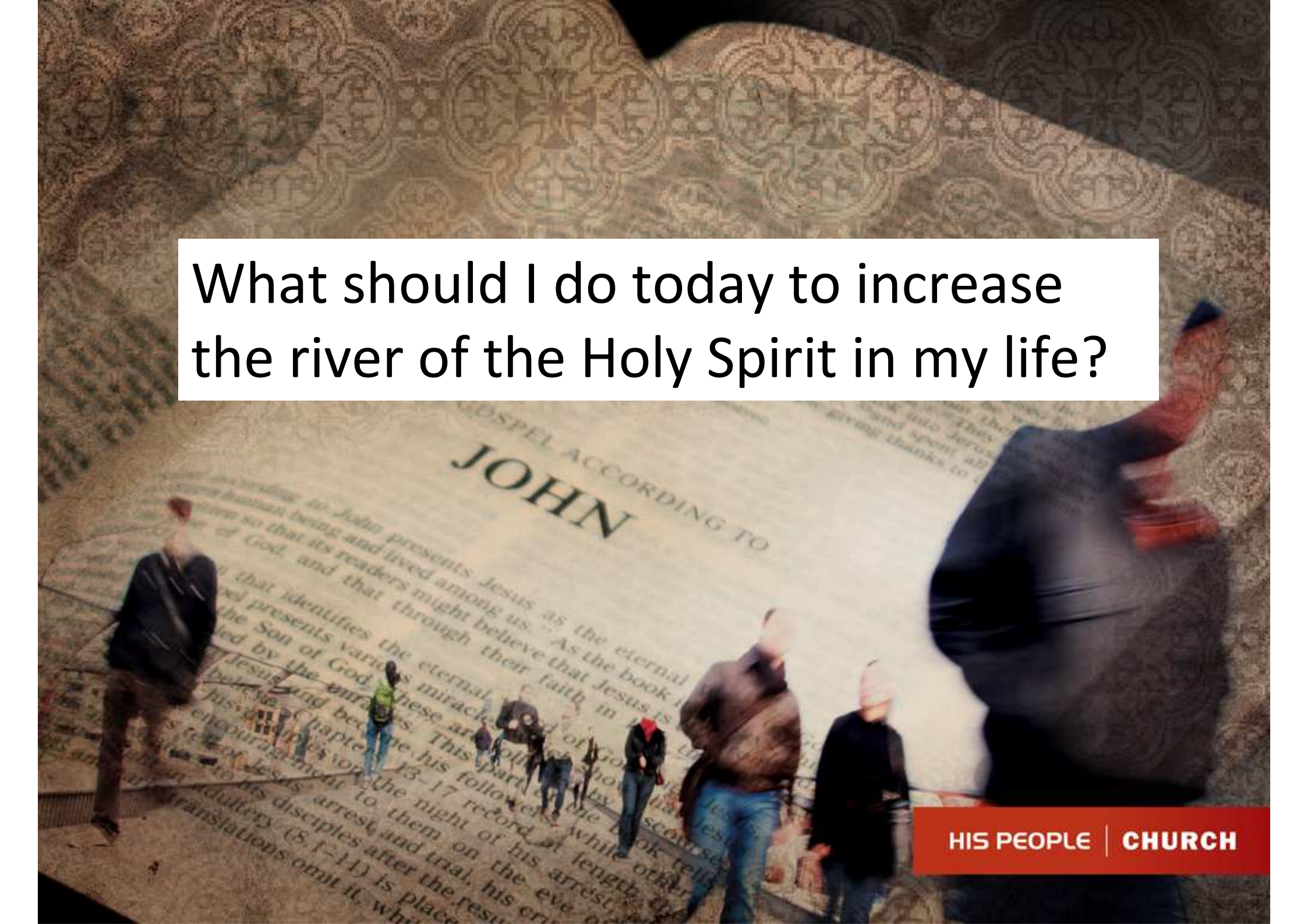


# This is How we Get Transformed

1 John 4:

“By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit...because as He is, so are we in this world.

- The Holy Spirit’s constant work is to make us like Jesus - as He is right now glorified in heaven
- This is not pressure to “get your life right” – enjoy floating down the river of the Holy Spirit!



What should I do today to increase  
the river of the Holy Spirit in my life?

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