

THE POSTURE OF ADVENT

JOHN 7:37-38 | ERIC SIMPSON | NOVEMBER 24, 2019

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37...Jesus stood and said in a loud voice "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him."

➤ Relinquish “achiever” and embrace “receiver”

➤ Pay attention to the ache of incompleteness

Isaiah 55:1-2

1 “Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. 2 Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.

“Most of us have this notion that *Once I get to a certain place or achieve a certain thing, life will truly start in full, and I’ll finally be happy and whole.* It just doesn’t work that way. You graduate, but you find there still something inside you that says there has to be more. You find the one, get married, and have kids. And it’s great, but still, what’s that thing inside you that says there must be more? You land a job and then a career job and then your dream position, but still, there’s a quiet-but-real gnawing inside that says it’s not all you imagined it would be. You pick different markers—time off, vacations, and savings goals...keep going and before you know it, you’ve convinced yourself retirement will fill the hole nothing else has been able to fill. It’s quite the game.” — Carey Nieuwhof