

**Title:** Planted by the river  
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**There is a river**

**ezeziel 47:1**

<sup>1</sup> “Then he brought me back to the door of the temple, and there was water, flowing from under the threshold of the temple...

**ezeziel 47:7-9**

<sup>7</sup> along the bank of the river were many trees on one side and the other.” <sup>8</sup> Then he said to me: “This water flows toward the eastern region, goes down into the valley, and enters the sea. When it reaches the sea, its waters are healed. <sup>9</sup> And it shall be that every living thing that moves wherever the river go, will live. There will be a very great multitude of fish, because the waters go there: for they will be healed, and everything will live wherever the river goes.”

**ezeziel 47:12**

<sup>12</sup> Along the bank of the river, on this side and that, will grow all kinds of trees used for food: their leaves will not wither, and their fruit will not fail. They will bear fruit every month, because their water flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food and their leaves for medicine”

**revelation 22:1**

“And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb”

**1. Abiding in the river**

**acts 17:28**

“For in Him we live and move and have our being...”

**2. Planted by the river**

**psalm 1:1-3**

“Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful: but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.”

**3. How do we stay in the river**

a) Uproot from unhealthy rivers

**luke 15**

1. Rooted in rebellion

The youngest son

- Love of comfort
- Love of acceptance
- Love of power

2. Rooted in religion

The older son

- Many believers move from being slaves in the world to being slaves in the Kingdom.

b) Rooted in relationship

**ephesians 3:17 (NLT)**

“May your roots go down deep into the soil of God’s marvelous love.”

c) In – and outflow

**ezekiel 47:11**

“But its swamps and marshes will not be healed; they will be given over to salt”

#### **4. Going in deeper**

**ezekiel 47:2-5 (KJV)**

<sup>2</sup>Then brought he me out of the way of the gate northward, and led me about the way without unto the utter gate by the way that looketh eastward; and, behold, there ran out waters on the right side. <sup>3</sup> And when the man that had the line in his hand went forth eastward, he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the waters were to the ankles.<sup>4</sup> Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through the waters; the waters were to the knees. Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through; the waters were to the loins.<sup>5</sup> Afterward he measured a thousand; and it was a river that I could not pass over: for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over.