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Pour It Out

The holiday season encompasses a treasure trove of favorites that include parties, music, family, gift giving, even food. One of mine this time of year (or any time, really) is Snow Capped pie from Russ'. King David had a favorite too—water from the well by the gate of Bethlehem. After he mentioned that to three of his mighty men, the guys sneaked through the Philistine garrison camped at Bethlehem to bring David the drink he craved. Upon receipt of their gift David surprisingly **poured it out** to the Lord. He **poured out** his treasure.

We don't often think of **pouring out** something good, but we see it happen with the Sea of Galilee. The largest freshwater lake in the Middle East—formed by runoff from winter snow and fed by multiple springs—is the place Jesus performed many miracles. It is full of life and it gives life. Water doesn't just flow into the Sea of Galilee it flows out meandering down the Jordan River and **pouring into** the Salt Sea. But there it stops. Nothing flows out of the Salt Sea.

With no exit plan, the Spirit that has been **poured into** us becomes stagnant and dead too. But when we choose to **pour out** the love, faith, and hope that only comes through Jesus Christ, it brings life. And it will heal our soul.

Luke 7 describes a woman who approached Jesus as He reclined at table. She took her alabaster jar of expensive perfume and **poured it out** on Him. It didn't stop there—she **poured out** her tears as well. After unknowingly anointing Christ for burial, the Text shows her losing it on Jesus. He became a safe place of refuge where she could **pour out** both her love and her pain.

What is in your heart that you need to **pour out** on Jesus? Will it be your adoration or your deepest longings? During this Christmas season and always, Jesus wants us to give Him our joys, fears, and disappointments. As we **pour it out**, He will restore our hearts. ❤️

Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

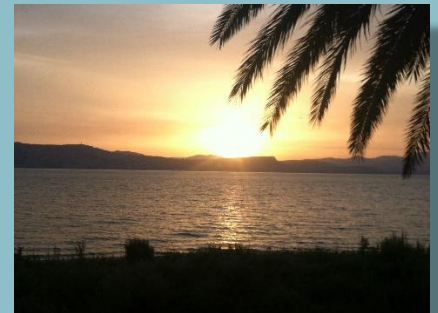
Psalm 62:8



What are you pouring out?

Praise Report:

- Joy in the Journey
- ❤️'s transformed by Jesus
- Incredible Zoom studies!



Sea of Galilee



My life on Zoom!

Ministry Update

This time last year, we anticipated wonderful opportunities to serve in 2020. Although they ended up looking *waaaay* different than we imagined, we were thrilled to see the faithfulness of the LORD **poured out** so creatively. Here are some highlights -

- ❖ Despite pervasive shutdowns, each week we served on a worship team somewhere. On Sunday, December 20th, we will end the year with a Christmas Celebration concert in Highland, IN.
- ❖ Our virtual **FCA Spring Banquet** in Northwest Indiana was our second most successful event to date. God is good!
- ❖ After concluding our Bible study on Genesis in April, we continued to offer Zoom studies through the summer thanks to video resources put out by **Brad Gray** at walkingthetext.com and **George DeJong** at underthefigtree.org. Check them out!
- ❖ A former college teammate invited me to speak to her classes in California via Zoom on **Living with Grit**. I loved it! You can access that video teaching on our YouTube channel.
- ❖ This fall we jumped into another Bible study—both in-person and on Zoom—and it exceeded all expectations. If you haven't seen the video study titled, *Jesus & Women: In the First Century and Now*, by **Kristi McLelland**, pick it up, it is excellent!
- ❖ Last February, we began releasing our previously recorded albums on YouTube. Our final album with **Ken Spaulding**, titled **Never The Same** (which happens to be our very first recording ever), has just been uploaded. We hope you have enjoyed listening to many old favorites.

Even though we may have felt stuck at home this year, hearts are changing and being drawn to Jesus as never before. As we celebrate the end of one year and the beginning of another, may we turn to Jesus and **pour out** all that we have and all that we are. He promises to make something absolutely, beautiful!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! 



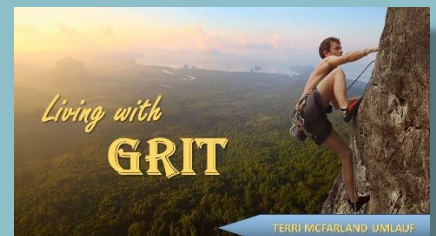
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A powerful Women's study!

Please Pray for:

- Open doors to **Israel**
- Growing in **trust**
- **Boldness** to pour out



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