



Phillippians 2:6-7

Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being." NLT

Have you ever - in a context of defending yourself - used the words "I'm only human?" That is to say, as a human, I'm prone to having flaws, so, yeah, from time to time, it shouldn't come as a surprise if I make a mistake. Sometimes, I think we see being human as the ultimate excuse. Not that we can be perfect - we strive for perfection, of course, but we know that only God can achieve that. But then there's Jesus who is fully God but is also fully man. That's an interesting concept because we hold Jesus to be flawless, right? So, does it mean something different for Jesus to be human than it does for us? Or is Jesus' humanity how we relate to him; that he experiences pain and hardship and loss like we do; the Hebrew writer says he's able to sympathize with our weakness, meaning he's endured hardships and temptations and come through them, so when we face them, we can trust him to see us through them as well. I guess for Jesus, to be human means a lot of wonderful things, not the least of which being that we can enjoy a relationship with him. As we continue to walk through Jesus' last statements on the cross, we come to the issue of Jesus expressing his thirst, and, well, I think it means a lot more than it seems on the surface. Come see us Sunday and I'll explain. See you then! - Zach

Sermon in a Sentence

"Never forget that though Jesus is _____, he is _____."

Today's Scripture

John 19:28-29

John 4:11-14

John 7:37-38

Psalms 69:19-21

John 1:14-18

Isaiah 58:11

It's All Greek to Me!

"dipsao" - a desire to drink; thirsty

Three Weekly Challenges

1. _____ God's _____
2. _____ from God's _____
3. _____ to _____



Weekly Prayer Requests

Guy Nichols	Lawrence Johnson	Harold Gordon
Jason Woods	Savannah Higgs	Earl Whipple
Sam Clark	Ron Scott	Diane Burks
Donna Parrett	Mike Suttles	



Vitals for March 22

Weekly Need: \$3,200
 Actual Given: \$2310
 Sunday School - 28
 Morning Service - 71

* Names will stay on the current list for three weeks. Please inform the office if you wish for a name to remain on this list or be transferred to the long-term list. Names marked with ** will be moved to the long-term prayer list the following week. The long-term prayer list is located in the foyer. **Har**

Good Friday Worship Service
Friday, April 3rd
at 6:30 PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH
 AT 9:30 AM

Join us for

EASTER SUNRISE WORSHIP
 & LIGHT CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Fayette Co. Ministerial Association
 Good Friday Service
 April 3rd at 12:00 pm
 Location: First Baptist Church
 Connersville, In



NO YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT!
HAVE A GREAT SPRING BREAK!
SEE YOU IN 2 WEEKS!



New Heights

MENTorship

Step into the journey to becoming the man God has called you to be.

Join us
 Saturday, April 4th
 @ 8:00 am

3 easy ways to give:

- 'Tithes & Offerings' box in the lobby
- newheightsconnersville.com/giving
- Mail to the church office

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March

3/29 - 5th Sunday Breakfast 9:15 am



What's Happening



- 4/3 - Fayette Co. Ministerial Assc. Good Friday Service Good Friday Service -12 pm
- 4/4 - Men's Mentorship 8:00 am
- 4/5 - **Easter Sunday** - Sunrise Worship 9:30 am
- 4/14 - Jesus Girls Ladies' Ministry- 6 pm
- 4/22 NHCC Serving @ The Haven - 5:30- 6 pm (Sign-up sheet in the foyer.)

Mahoning Valley Christian Service Camp: Registration is OPEN!

EARLY BIRD PRICING GOES FROM JAN. 1 - MAY 17 AFTER MAY 18 THE PRICE INCREASES!

See Zach or Carol for the
 New Heights Registration Code

Prayer Starter

Examples

- "God, I lift up (name) to You and ask that You would..."
- "Please bless (person) with..."
- "I pray for protection over..."
- "Transform (person's) heart to..."

NHCC Prayer Guide

March 29, 2026

Explore the scriptures from this week's sermon and turn them into heartfelt personal prayers.

Let's Pray:

Praise
Repent
Ask
Yield

THIS WEEK'S SERMON IN A SENTENCE:

"NEVER FORGET THAT THOUGH JESUS IS GOD, HE IS ALSO HUMAN."

Today's Scripture :

John 19:28-29

Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." 29

A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. NIV

Today's Scripture :

Jesus replied, "Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life." NLT

Today's Scripture

John 7:37-38

On the last day, the climax of the festival, Jesus stood and shouted to the crowds, "Anyone who is thirsty may come to me! 38 Anyone who believes in me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, 'Rivers of living water will flow from his heart.'" NLT

Prayer Focus

Passages about hyssop in the Old Testament are connected to the blood of animal sacrifices. It represents God's compassion on His people, how He is willing to reach down and save and heal us. Psalm 51 celebrates this and shows the impact that this process can have on a person's life. Psalm 51:7 - "Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow."

David knows he needs spiritual renewal, and realizes that this kind of ritual cannot be done by human hands. It is more intimate than an outward washing or sprinkling. Rather, it's a work done within the heart. In verses 2 and 10, David humbly seeks God for this. "Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin" (Psalm 51:2).

"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me" (Psalm 51:10). Once David understood how he had sinned against the Lord, he longed for a chance to reconcile. Hyssop was part of an image of hope for David, and a symbol of God's grace.

Why Is This Important for Us Today?

What hyssop represents, especially in Psalm 51, still applies to every believer. We are by nature sinful and cannot fix ourselves. But David's words show us we don't have to stay stuck in that place. If we admit our need for God's touch and humbly ask Him to forgive us, He will bring a deep cleansing.

And in this age, we receive that renewal in a different way. Instead of going to a priest to be sprinkled with the blood of an animal, we put our faith in Jesus. Christ shed His blood on the cross so that we could be made righteous before God.

(Heather Adams, Bible Study Tools)

Prayer Focus

What are you thirsty for? Do you look to the world to quench your thirst? This water will only leave you dry and desperate for another drink that never seems to satisfy.

Do you drink daily from the Living Water? Jesus offers a refreshment that will never end. Thank God for this life giving water!

Prayer Focus

Are we thirsty enough? Do we really long to be quenched with God's waters? The Psalmist says "as the deer pants for water, so my soul longs for you." David says to him: "God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water." "I spread out my hands to You; my soul longs for You like a thirsty land."

We will never receive that closeness with God until we long for the water he provides. And if we earnestly seek it, we will find it. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they shall be filled," Jesus tells us in Matthew 5:6. To quench our spiritual thirst, we must desire God's water. And Jesus is illustrating to us in these verses that he is the source of that water.

(Zach Korff)

Today's Scripture

John 1:14-18

So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son. John testified about him when he shouted to the crowds, "This is the one I was talking about when I said, 'Someone is coming after me who is far greater than I am, for he existed long before me.'" From his abundance we have all received one gracious blessing after another. For the law was given through Moses, but God's unfailing love and faithfulness came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. But the unique One, who is himself God, is near to the Father's heart. He has revealed God to us.

NLT

Prayer Focus

The last sentence of this verse is striking. Jesus revealed God to us! Jesus was fully man, yet fully God. Through Him we are able to see and experience a relationship with the God of the universe. We are able to be close to our Father in Heaven. We can experience, every day, God's unfailing love and faithfulness because of the sacrifice Jesus made for us. From this abundance we have all received these gracious blessings. AMEN!

Today's Scripture

"For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

Today's Prayer Focus

God showed his great love for us by sending His Son to die for us while we were still sinners. He did not wait for us to change our ways and repent. He wanted to give us eternal life with Him. He wanted to be close to us forever.

God, I praise You for the glorious grace You have poured out on us! Let me live a life filled with love, by following the example of Christ. Amen!

Zach's Three Weekly Challenges

To Gain a Spiritual Thirst, We Must:

Challenge Number One

DESIRE God's WATER

The woman at the well may not have realized it at the time, but she was thirsty for something that would quench more than just her thirst. She was looking for purpose, she was looking for love, she was looking for a place to belong. All she had to do was obey her thirst, and she'd be in good shape. What about you? Will you obey yours? It's not actually taking a drink of water, but we'll plunge you into the waters of baptism today if you're ready and; if you've already done that, we'd encourage you to keep diving deeper into that relationship you began with Jesus.

Challenge Number Two

DRAW from God's WELL

The woman at the well looked for meaning in all manner of secular comforts; only when she met with Jesus did she find purpose, and that she found worth breaching her personal security restrictions and let the entire town - that she had been avoiding - know that Jesus was a person worth meeting. I think of King Solomon who tried the best of all that life had to offer.

He ended the book of Ecclesiastes by saying - and I'm paraphrasing here - fear God, keep his commands, that's what life is all about.

Don't go looking in secular wells for water that satisfies. Obey your thirst and fill up on Jesus; only he can truly satisfy.

Challenge Number Three: DECIDE to DRINK - You know the old cliche, right? You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink. A good friend of mine - an elder that I had served alongside at another church - liked to say "but you can put salt in his oats." In other words, you can make the water look so attractive that people can't help but drink when they find the source. That's a challenge for those of you who have sampled the living water Jesus offers, but, for those who haven't - I would encourage you to consider the words we've shared today; that you would see that Jesus' offer is not only attractive, but life-giving.