

# Well Digger

“The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life” (John 4:14 ESV)  
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What is the purpose of publishing these testimonies? So often, the limits of what we regard as possible are determined not by what we see in Scripture but by our experience. We expect what we have seen before. Testimonies of what God is doing can begin to break through the limits we have established in our minds. God *can* do miracles. God *is* active where *I* live. If we begin to believe, the door opens for God to do more. Jesus told his disciples to pray, “Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven” (Matt 6:10). This is the goal of God, that his kingdom would be revealed here in this world and that with the coming of his kingdom everything that stands in opposition to it would be wiped away. Revelation 21:4 pictures what that will one day look like: “He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” But do we believe? These testimonies are meant to encourage us to say, “Yes!”

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*This testimony comes from a former “Williamsburger” currently in another state.*

In January 2018, I was diagnosed with food allergies. I had been struggling for years with an extremely sensitive stomach. It was so sensitive that I could not even drink the city water where I live. It always left me balled up on the couch in pain. I had been fasting and praying on and off for months for my stomach to be healed, but anytime that I ate the foods that triggered the problems, or if I drank the city water, I always had the same negative result. At the end of June 2018, I started to have a series of dreams, and God was speaking to me about a number of things. On July 1, thinking on all God was speaking to me, I went to church. By midway through the service, I had decided to go up for prayer when the service ended. Before the service closed, and before I even had the chance to go forward, the pastor mentioned that the prayer team felt a special anointing for healing and that God wanted to heal those with food allergies. Not surprisingly, this struck a chord with me. I went up front, and I asked G. (who was on the prayer team) to pray for my stomach and these allergies first and then for the other matters God was dealing with me on. She prayed and told me that it was important for me to be able to eat the food that is set in front of me. I had that

thought in the past, because I had ministered overseas, and I knew from that experience that if I were to travel outside the country again it would be very important to eat the food that was offered to me. Then G. prayed and noted that she felt the enemy was trying to cause division with these food allergies by keeping people apart. While she was praying that, I suddenly felt that I was to go and eat the very food I had been avoiding because of the allergies. When she finished praying, she stopped and told me to “eat what you have not been eating.” That was confirmation of what I felt, and I went straight home to eat a pizza (an easy thing to want to do!). I downed the pizza, and it was the first time in years that it did not upset my stomach.

The next morning, after the pizza, I had planned to do a water fast (a period of abstaining from food and of drinking only water). It was a scary thought now, considering that the prayer from yesterday meant I should drink the city water that caused me such issues! So, I drank a small glass of water from the tap and then grabbed my things to leave for work. I then realized that though I had my water bottle in my hand it was not filled with water. Usually, I would fill it up at work since the water there is

filtered. I struggled for a few minutes in my mind with whether or not I should fill up the water bottle from the kitchen sink. I thought of every excuse as to why I should not and how stupid it was to think I needed to do that. I finally broke through those thoughts and turned to fill up the water bottle from the tap. I was thinking, “even if this puts me in a ball on the couch, at least I will know I took the step of faith.” As I filled up the water bottle, faith welled up within me, and I decided to let the water bottle overflow. As I watched the water pour over the edges of the bottle, I began to get more aggressive, and I began to pray that God would overflow the bottle, not leaving any airspace, because I wanted the fullness of faith, so much so that faith would overflow. As I watched it overflow, God really ministered to me that the bottle was much like my faith – that it overflows the cup. I drank all the water and felt 100% fine! I have felt fine ever since. A few days later, God showed me that when you are full of faith it overflows so much that it does not just impact you; it also spreads to those around you.

One week later, I have had absolutely no stomach issues. I truly cannot remember the last time my stomach gave me no issues whatsoever for anything beyond a few days. This is truly a miracle, especially considering that I am not eating a special diet!

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*Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. (Isa 40:30-31 ESV)*

In this passage, the young run, getting somewhere fast. Or so it seems. They have strength to spare...until they don't. Even they get weary. Pressed far enough, their resources run out. Collapse follows. Their effort proceeds from their own strength, and so it is limited. Not so for those who wait on God. Their effort proceeds from him, and his strength never wears out.

What separates those who wait on God from those who do not? Is it only that those who wait on God receive his power in place of their own? Is it only that their “running” does not wear out? No. Those who wait on God do not simply “run.” They *fly*. In waiting on God, it is not only their strength that changes. It is the *possibilities*. For those who do not wait on God, being tethered to the earth is the only option. Those who wait on him go where eagles soar.

How are you learning Christ? Are you learning to do what you can do, or are you learning to do what is impossible?

*“For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move, and*

*nothing will be impossible for you” (Matt 17:20 ESV).*

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*A word from the Lord was shared with us in August 2018.*

“I am the Lord your God, and me only shall you serve. I am the Rock of your salvation. Stand on me and none other. I will fill your mouth with songs of praise I have given you. Keep your eyes on me. Do not look on the unclean thing...Join heaven's choir. Sing with my celestial beings in a realm the world does not understand, and see my glory.”

Remarkably, just yesterday (Sept. 30), as we worshipped the Lord in church, we suddenly experienced the palpable sense that we were joining in on the praise of heaven. As we continued to praise the Lord, his presence became so real! The Lord desires that we would realize that we do not need to be bound by depression, discouragement, or the perspectives of the present age when we come to him in worship. We are people of the kingdom! We stand with the hosts of heaven and lift praise to the King of kings.

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At an outing, I noticed a woman with a knee brace. Later, her baby dropped a balloon, and I picked it up. Handing it back, I started chatting with her. I asked to pray for her knee. She agreed. I prayed twice. Her pain went from five to zero. God is good!

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