



# Connecting Friends Around an Open Bible

Issue # 6

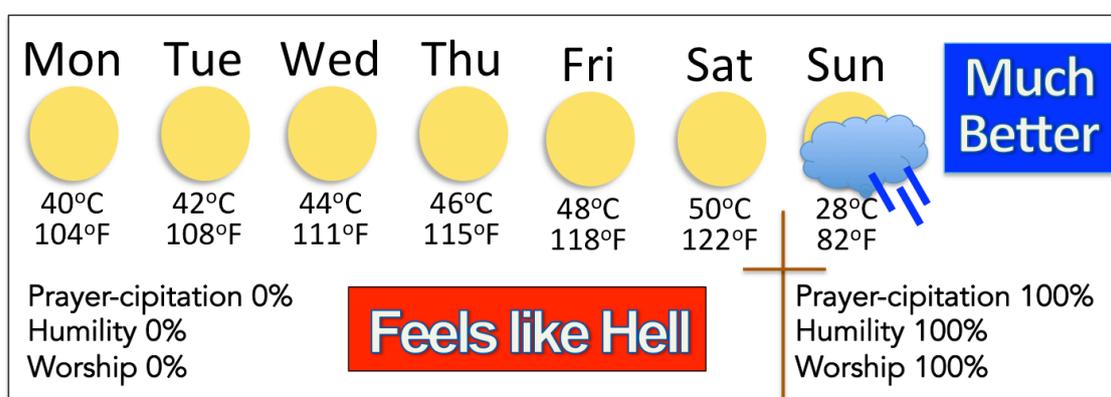
## ...Then Rain

### Opening Prayer

Dear Lord, Thank you for this time together. May you teach us, may you lead us, may you inspire us, and may you change us. In Jesus Name, Amen

### Last Issue Recap

**How did YOU apply the last issue's lesson to your life?**



Drought is nothing new. Throughout many parts of the world there is a desperate need for rain. Rivers are dry and dams are empty. Water levels are critically low. When there is a drought, people become a little more focused on what is important to their personal survival. We all know; without water – we die.

In South Africa the prediction is by 2020 “water-shedding” (water rationing) will be permanent due to the seriousness of this water shortage. This crisis has sparked an influx of circulated messages pleading with people to pray for rain as well as the organizing of community prayer days for rain. These messages are simple; “Pray for Rain”, etc.

**READ**

**Numbers 20:2-11**

**ChatPoint #1**

- Do we expect God to send rain, without condition, if we pray for it? **Yes or No.**

As we have just read; a water shortage always affects everyone – even to the point of rebellion. There is nothing wrong with praying for rain but there is something, even more important, that **MUST** happen before we can expect our prayers to be answered. Moses and Aaron fell facedown (i.e. humbled themselves before the Lord) before attempting to ask God for water. Once they had humbled themselves, God blessed their request for water, miraculously.

**ChatPoint #2**

- **Why do you think God blessed their request before they could even ask for water?**
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**READ**

**2 Chron. 7:13-14**

**Deuter. 11:12-14**

Many people have forgotten God’s sovereign position. It is as if we have reduced **The Almighty** into nothing more than an underpaid employee whose job it is to serve and fulfill **OUR** every desire. In an age of self-importance, our prayers have turned into demands rather than humble approaches to the Throne of Grace, placing us into God’s Merciful Grace.

**ChatPoint #3**

- **What do these Scriptures tell us about God?**
- **What is humanity told to do in relation to who God is?**
- **How have you experience a miracle when you placed God first?**

**READ**

**Matthew 6:25-34**

**Key Focus**

**Mat 6:33** But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

**ChatPoint #4**

- 1) What stands out for you in this passage?
- 2) What do you think the main point is?
- 3) What would it look like if Christians applied this principle or lesson to their lives today?
- 4) What is Jesus telling you personally as you reflect on this event?

**Look at the title picture above:**

- **What does it tell you in light of what you have learnt?**

When you humble yourselves and place God first, YOU WILL experience the same powerful God who can produce a river of water from a rock, for his people in the desert. Whatever deserts you face, remember: God is Bigger.

**Prayer Requests**


**Closing Prayer**

Lord God, thank you for loving us do much. Thank you that you sent Jesus to die in our place that we have have life. Guide us into not taking this gift for granted but let us find new reason to live fully for you, now and evermore. Amen.

**Personal Reflection**

*To be completed at home*

Humble yourself before the Lord and he will lift you up. He will make your paths straight. He will help you overcome any sin. He will rain his blessings upon you. That’s who God is.

- In what area of your life must you humble yourself? Do it before its too late.

Who will facilitate the next #CCC?

Venue:  
Date & Time: