

RETREAT 1

• What Will Really Satisfy?

Jeremiah 2:12–13

1. The Lord is the fountain of satisfaction. (Jeremiah 2:13a)

- “Creatures are not born with desires unless satisfaction for desires exists. A baby feels hunger: well, there is such a thing as food. A duckling wants to swim: well, there is such a thing as water. Men feel sexual desire: well, there is such a thing as sex. If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world. If none of my earthly pleasures satisfy it, that does not prove that the universe is a fraud. Probably earthly pleasures were never meant to satisfy it, but only to arouse it, to suggest the real thing.”¹⁵ – C.S. Lewis

2. People prefer broken cisterns. (Jeremiah 2:13b)

- “...it would seem that Our Lord finds our desires, not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.”¹⁶ –C.S. Lewis
- John 4:10 - “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.”
- John 4:13-14 - “Everyone who drinks this water [water from a well] will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

Discussion Starters

- What was most striking about this message?
- What are some of the broken cisterns in your life?
- Do you see Jesus as a spring of Living Water? Why or why not?