

Summary previous word: never trying to manufacture an idea from an obscure verse.. Clear mandate from God to care for people. Mark 14:1-11 – extravagant worship (the religious response wrought betrayal) He deserves the best (see v6-7) .. we will always have the poor and whenever we can we can help them.. some have used this verse as excuse to overlook the poor or our obligation to care.. Jesus was rather saying that we will always have opportunity to help.. He was there ‘with us’ for a short while.. our priorities are to worship extravagantly and from this heart of worship will flow a heart to reach His people – all people. Literally hundreds of scriptures to care for people; the poor, the needy, the aliens, the widows, the orphans, our neighbour.. etc etc etc

Statistics.. more than 3 billion people live on less than \$2 each day; more than 2 billion are undernourished... 800 million go to bed hungry...3 richest people control more wealth than 600million of the poorest.. 1.4m die from dirty water and poor sanitation... many more..

Father cares for people. We are blessed. See Deuteronomy 15: 4-11

<sup>4</sup> However, there should be no poor among you, for in the land the LORD your God is giving you to possess as your inheritance, he will richly bless you, <sup>5</sup> if only you fully obey the LORD your God and are careful to follow all these commands I am giving you today. <sup>6</sup> For the LORD your God will bless you as he has promised, and you will lend to many nations but will borrow from none. You will rule over many nations but none will rule over you.

<sup>7</sup> If there is a poor man among your brothers in any of the towns of the land that the LORD your God is giving you, do not be hardhearted or tight-fisted toward your poor brother. <sup>8</sup> Rather be open-handed and freely lend him whatever he needs. <sup>9</sup> Be careful not to harbor this wicked thought: "The seventh year, the year for canceling debts, is near," so that you do not show ill will toward your needy brother and give him nothing. He may then appeal to the LORD against you, and you will be found guilty of sin. <sup>10</sup> Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to. <sup>11</sup> There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be open-handed toward your brothers and toward the poor and needy in your land.

Verse 11: NKJV

For the poor will never cease from the land; therefore I command **you**, saying, ‘**You** shall open **your** hand wide to **your** brother, to **your** poor and **your** needy, in **your** land.’ (The land He has given **us**)

God can do the supernatural through selfless people who desire to God’s will.. it is a selfless place to care for people. We can pastorally care for this city; for nations; let the truth – let the river flow.

### **I CARE TOO**

John 7:37.. Jesus said if anyone drink from Him he would never thirst and streams/ivers of living water would (not trickle) but pour out (Ezekiel 47; Joel 2; Revelation 22:1-3) ..From Ezekiel.. this river flowed into the Dead Sea.. the waters were refreshed/healed.. wherever this river flows/goes there is life.. stagnant water has an appearance of life but without a place to go ‘dies’.. The river of God (the Holy Spirit flowing through us in care towards others) flows into dead things and produces life.

This promised river was manifest in the book of Acts (see John 16:5-16)...

<sup>5</sup>"Now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?'  
<sup>6</sup>Because I have said these things, you are filled with grief. <sup>7</sup>But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send **Him** to you. <sup>8</sup>When **He** comes, **He** will **convict** the world of guilt<sup>[a]</sup> in regard to sin and **righteousness** and **judgment**: <sup>9</sup>in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned. <sup>12</sup>"I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. <sup>13</sup>But when **He**, the Spirit of truth, comes, **He** will guide you into all truth. **He** will not speak on **His** own; **He** will speak only what **He** hears, and **He** will tell you what is yet to come. <sup>14</sup>**He** will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. <sup>15</sup>All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you. <sup>16</sup>"In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me."

The Spirit of God was prophesied to be poured out (Old Testament: prophets, priest and king; New Testament: all flesh; life brought to dead things – wherever He is there is liberty and freedom). Full gospel is a full message.. must let the river flow.. can't dam it up – there will be no life - righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.. Acts 1: Wigglesworth spoke of a final move of the Spirit in the Word and the Spirit (both).

A genuine move of the Spirit will match the heart of the Father – father to the fatherless. The plan always was that we would be continually filled with a 'river' that will flow *through* us.

Acts 1:4-8 'power to **be** My witnesses (Gk: *martos*: living sacrifices (Romans 12:1, Galatians 2:20 people.. He gives the ability)

Gifts of the Spirit are amazing; cannot forbid them nor park on them... we must look and smell and sound like Jesus with His heartbeat to take the nations.

The reason/ the purpose of the Holy Spirit is poured out is to touch the world. Streams... rivers... of living water...Ephesians 5:18.. to be filled continually... to be pouring out continually... bringing life wherever we go/flow...