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Becoming A Vessel of Faithfulness

Jeremiah 2:13 (NIV)

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My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken Me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.

My people have committed a compound sin: they’ve walked out on me, the fountain of fresh flowing waters, and then dug cisterns — cisterns that leak, cisterns that are no better than sieves. Jeremiah 2:13 (MSG)

The Problem with Us

1. We have abandoned God.

They have forsaken Me, the spring of living water,. . . vs. 13a

They have wandered off the right road and followed the footsteps of Balaam son of Beor, who loved to earn money by doing wrong. 2 Peter 2:15 (NLT)

2. We want what we want.

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Vs. 13b

This is what the LORD says: “Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who draws strength from mere flesh and whose heart turns away from the LORD.”
Jeremiah 17:5 (NIV)

3. We commit spiritual adultery.

Long ago I broke the yoke. . .but still you said, ‘I will not serve you.’ On every hill and under every green tree, you have prostituted yourselves by bowing down to idols.
Jeremiah 2:20: (NLT)
The Solution for Us

1. Let Christ Reign in Your Heart

   Jesus stood up and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. If anyone believes in Me, rivers of living water will flow out from that person’s heart,. . .John 7:37b-38 (NCV)

2. Follow the Source of Living Water

   But blessed are those who trust in the LORD and have made the LORD their hope and confidence. They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Jeremiah 17:7-8a (NLT)

3. Accept God’s Provision

   On that day life-giving waters will flow out from Jerusalem, half toward the Dead Sea and half toward the Mediterranean, flowing continuously in both summer and winter. Zechariah 14:8 (NLT)

   Living water is always available.  
   It satisfies our deepest needs.