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TURN A CORNER!

Isn't it wonderful that, basically, spiritual fervor and energy isn't something we muster up from below, but it's a gift that comes down from above! That's why we pray for it – for ourselves and for each other. We don't try to live right to get it; we don't try to pull it up from within ourselves; we ask for it.

This isn't to say we shouldn't try to live right! But here in Newport Beach, we see the most gorgeous hunks of human bodies at the beach or the athletic club – and they still don't have spiritual fervor. Christ talked about this truth, speaking with that Samaritan woman as He sat beside Jacob's well.

He said,

“Everyone who drinks this [well] water 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” (Jn. 4:13, 14).

An artesian well within you! A God-given gusher!

My dictionary says that an artesian well is a “well drilled deep enough to reach water that is draining down from higher surrounding ground above the well, so that the pressure will force a flow of water upward.”

Live deeply with Him, and live with His pressure in you and out from you. Expect it! Love it!

“On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, ‘...Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.’ By this he meant the Spirit” (Jn. 7:37-39).

“For with God is the fountain of life” (Ps. 36:9)!