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Trusting God's Word of Hope

There is a story about a man who became lost in the desert. Dying of thirst he stumbles upon an old well. Attached to the pump handle is a note that reads: "Buried in the sand below is a canteen full of water. Don't drink it! But use all of the water to prime the pump and in return you'll have all of the fresh, cool water that you need. Drink to your heart's content and then fill the canteen for the next person to come along. Thank you kindly, Desert Pete."

During the upcoming season of Lent, God gives us a kind of "pump handle note" in his scriptures. He graciously invites us through the Word to take leaps of faith – to let go of the things that we deem as "life saving" in order that we might discover the ever-refreshing abundance of God. May we have the eyes to see, ears to hear, a heart to believe and a mind to understand the opportunities that God places before us each day to let go of the things that we deem to "need" in order to discover the overflowing joy waiting in response.

Thank you kindly, "Desert Pete"