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"Have you ever been to the desert? There is a stark contrast among vegetation in the desert depending on how close the plant is to its water source. Near the streams the vegetation will be lush and soft and green.

As you move further and further away from the stream the plants become more and more brown, and prickly, and harsh. Many of them have thorns on them as a way of discouraging the wildlife from eating them.

The same holds true for humans. When we remain close to our water source, the living stream of life, we are lush and soft and inviting. As we move further and further away from our source of life and nourishment we grow colder, harder, more calloused and oftentimes prickly.

We were designed for connection. Connection with God and connection with each other. The key to both of these connections is staying close to God, staying in the word, daily partaking of the living water, **"...but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."** John 4:14

If you are struggling with connection with others, I encourage you to take a look at your connection with God. As you spend more time with Him in the Word it is natural that His love is going to flow into you and through you as you interact with other people. He is the source of love.

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As we connect with him, we can then love others with the same love he shares with us.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank you for another day of your grace and for loving me with a love that is as free flowing as a stream. Help me to stay close to you and then help me connect with others that I may share your love with them. Refresh me with your life giving water. In Jesus name, who knows and hears me and has asked me to pray, Amen.

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