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**The Diorama of Grace**

Dioramas were my favorite museum displays as a kid. I was mesmerized by the three dimensional figures, natural settings, and special lighting effects. These made for very realistic scenes that I enjoyed for hours, however it was the detailed background images and paintings that made the displays totally believable to me.

I do confess that I was more interested in the craftsmanship than the content of the scene most of the time. How did the artist create those perfect spruce trees, boulders in a river bed, and burning fireplace in a log cabin?

It was as if I was actually there!

For my Springs Church family I have a diorama with a wonderfully believable background image. It is the arms of Christ creating the banks of a flowing fresh spring fed river.

I call it the Diorama of Grace because the people figures in the foreground look like you and me, and some of us are weak and thirsty. We are so weak and thirsty that we cannot scoop up our own drink of spring water.

Fortunately the background music coming through our headsets is the song "**All Who Are Thirsty**" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=coWRDjX02pU> Listen to this 5 minute song by Vineyard Worship and Brenton Brown to bless your day. The words are calming as well as powerful.

All who are thirsty

All who are weak

Just come to the fountain

Dip your heart in the stream of life

Let the pain and the sorrow

Be washed away

In the waves of His mercy

As the deep cries out to deep, we sing..

Come Lord Jesus come!

The diorama scene seems real because we are to the point where only a drink from Jesus' hand can save and refresh us! I've seen family and friends so completely parched and weak that they need help taking ice chips to their lips for hydration. In this diorama Jesus refreshes everyone.

Sandi and I just returned from Colorado on our quest to see the headwaters of the Rio Grande River.

Eureka! We witnessed a powerful clear running river that flows strong just like the God we worship. God's river is not a silent river, it roars! As I stood at the bank of the river the message for me was "Listen Larry, My grace is sufficient for you" 2 Corinthians 12:9.

Come Springs family, surrender to His invitation of grace and mercy and then drink! It will be like you are actually there!

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