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Will your spirit be like a wind that blows people in the right direction, lifting them up in positive ways?

Next time you see the wind blowing through the trees, think about the effect that you have had on others today. How did you talk to others? What ideas did you inspire in them? Were you like a very still day without any wind at all, with jobs that depended on your help were left undone?

God's Spirit is like the wind too, in a way. You can't see it, but you can feel it and see the effect that His Spirit has on you and on others. If you let God's Spirit blow you in the right direction you'll have a great ride! Be a fan for God! Let His wind blow through you to refresh others.



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Waterfall


The water rushing over a waterfall can be an amazing and powerful show to watch! Have you ever gotten to see a big waterfall up close? Even a small one can be very beautiful.

Water just pours down, gushes down, beautifully cascades while splashing downwards, completely unhindered.

If you placed a cup under the waterfall's flow it would immediately fill, then overflow while you would have to hold on ever so tightly to keep the powerful force of the waterfall from knocking the cup from your hand!



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However, it would probably splash the cup out of your hand, sending it from your hand to float in the pool of water below. Rather than water just filling the cup, the cup would then be surrounded and soaking in more water than it's ever held before!

Huge lakes, long streams and rivers can be filled from the waterfall's flow. It can seem like it's a tap that is turned on full blast and can't be turned off! Wow! The sound of the rushing water is rather loud too, when you are up close.

Jesus' love can be compared to a waterfall, I think. It's so abundant and never ending.

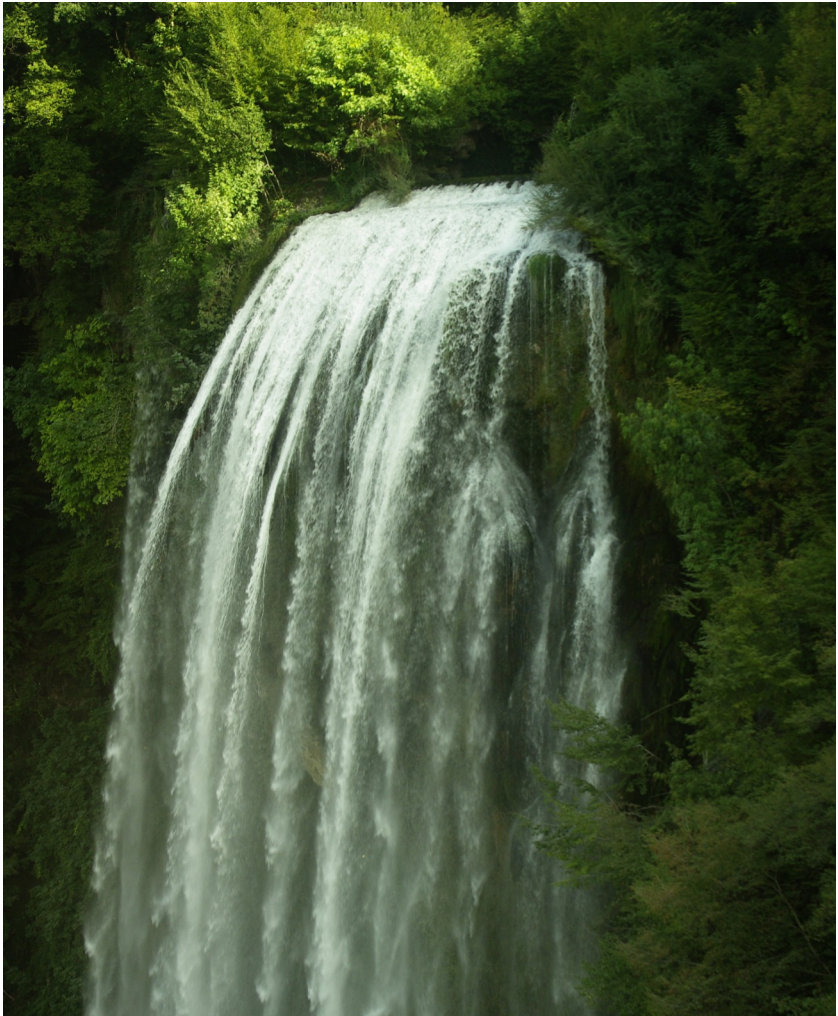



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We can use the example of the cup to get an idea of how much love He has for us. We are like a cup that is empty and is in need of Jesus' loving care.

We often wonder how much He loves us, but you know, He doesn't just have enough love to fill our cup, but more than enough so that it keeps flowing, flowing, flowing, to overflowing filling our cup again and again!

It's so much that we can just float and swim and travel in His love, because there's so much of it! He doesn't just love us with "half-a-cup full of love" or even a pitcher full, but in gushing amounts and endlessly—more than can be measured in a lifetime!