

THE Gospel ACCORDING TO Isaiah

The Invitation of the Servant
Isaiah 55

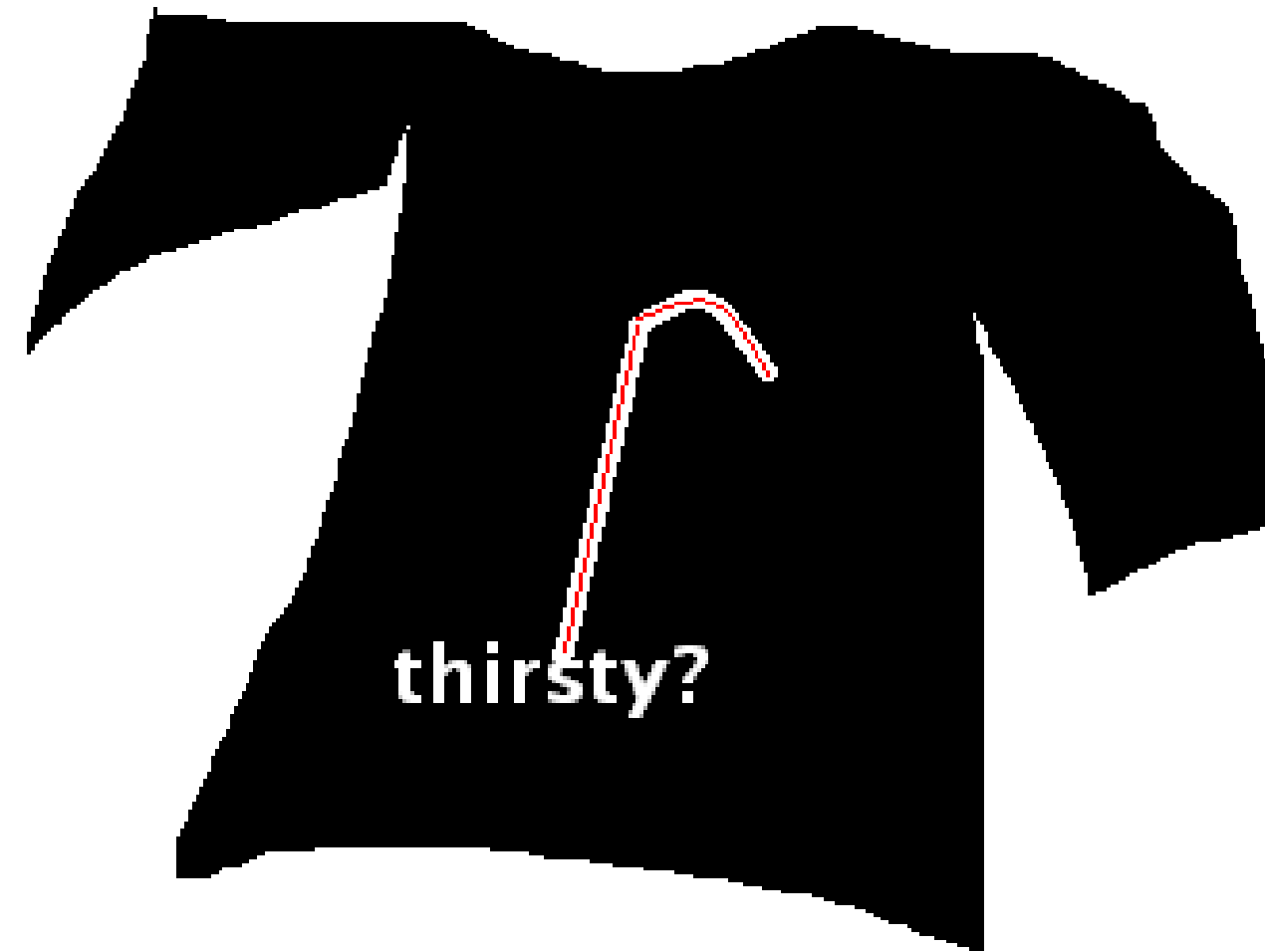
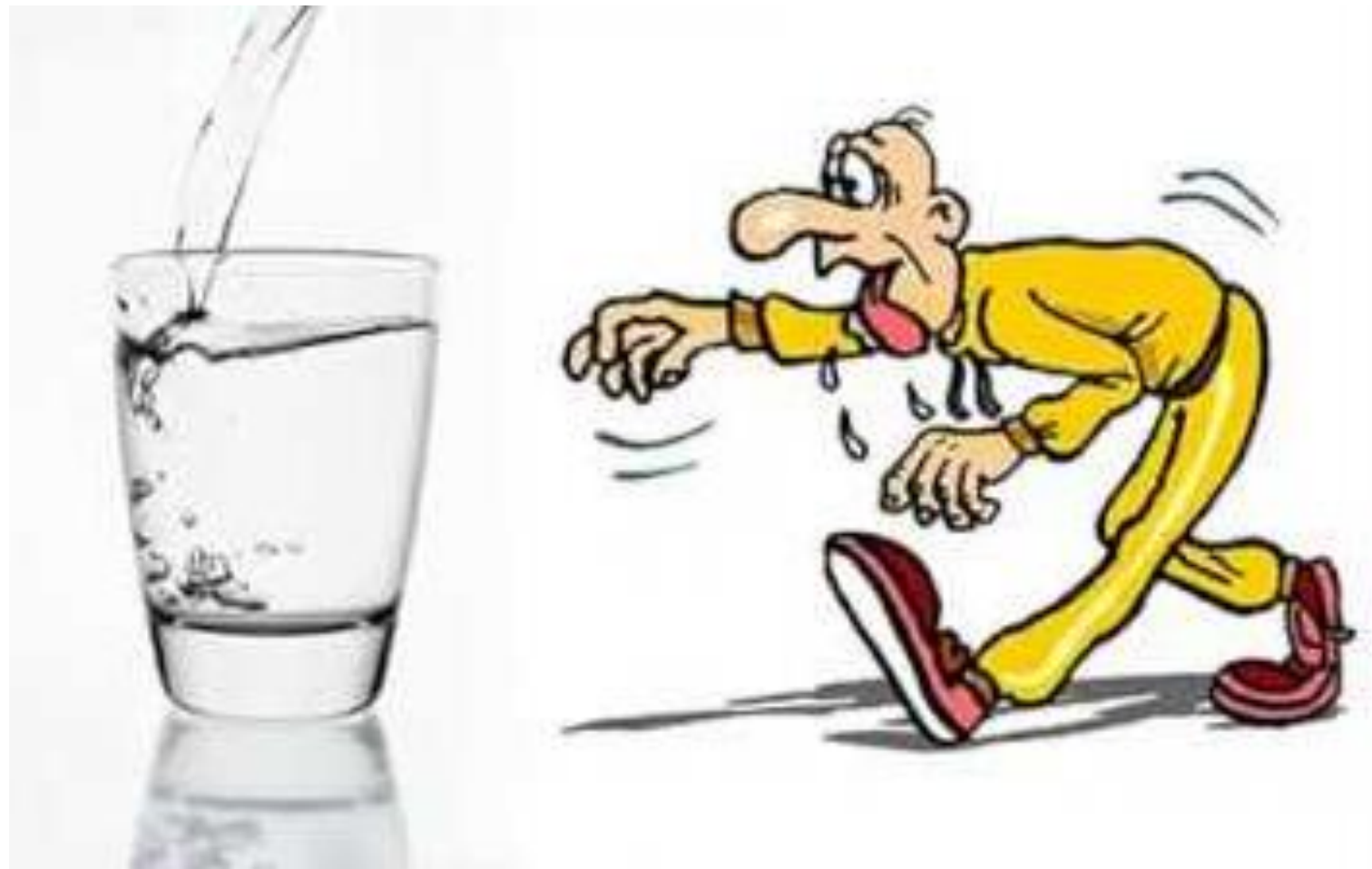
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Isaiah 55:1-3

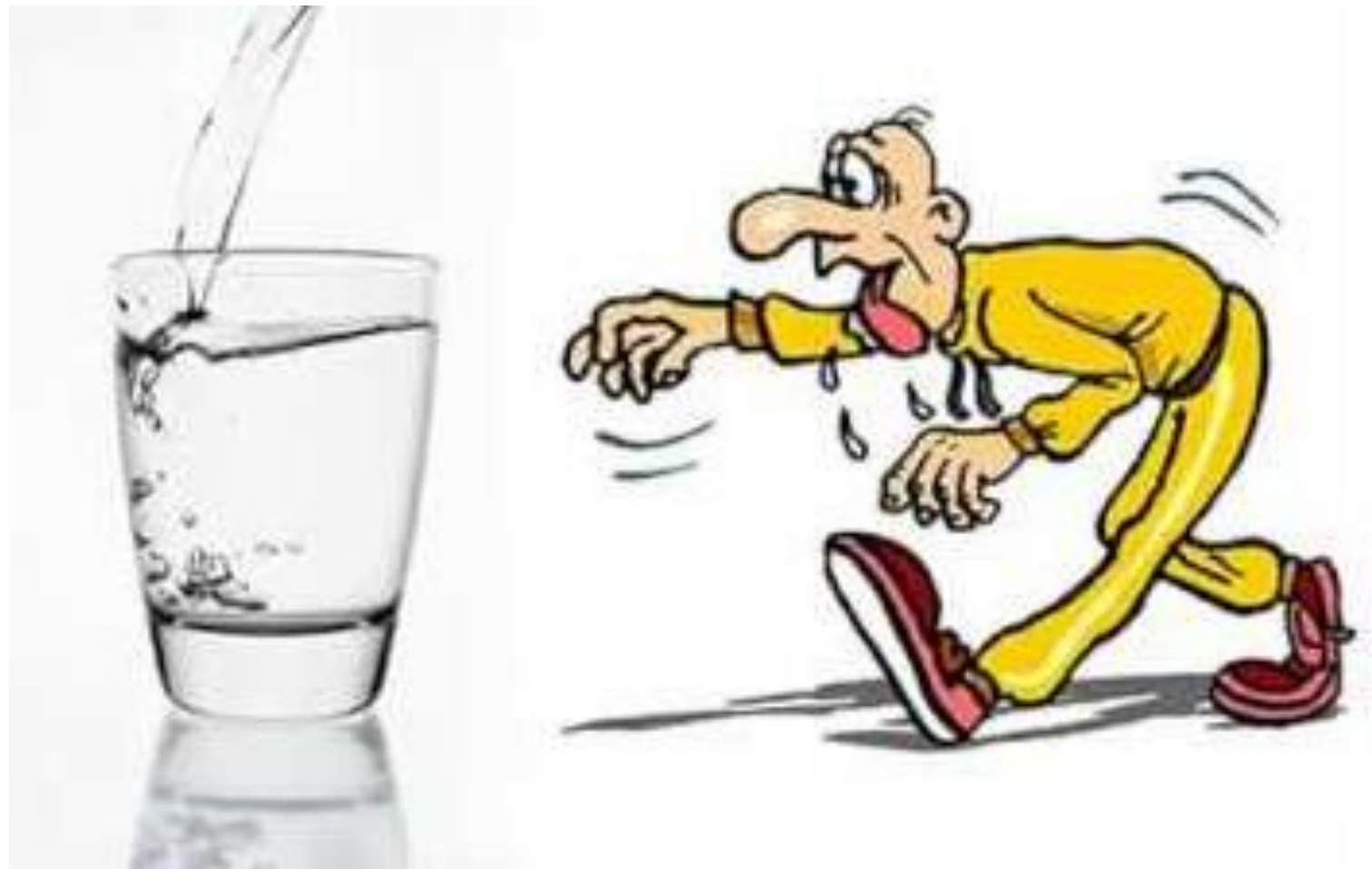
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Thirst:

A deep longing for life as it was meant to be

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Isaiah 55:6-9

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Come, come, come, come, come → Seek, call on him, turn to the Lord

Why spend money on what is not bread, why buy what doesn't satisfy? → Forsake ways and thoughts

Buy without money, without cost → Show mercy, freely pardon

Eat what is good, enjoy richest of fare → My ways and thoughts are higher than yours

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1. Appreciating Sin

2. Negotiating the Price Up

1. The Struggle with Free
2. The Tie of Righteousness

=> God invites sinners away from their thoughts and ways

An Invitation for Sinners

⇒ Phil 3:8,9 *“What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.”*

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⇒ John 7:37 *On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink.”*

“Why spend money on what is not bread?”

⇒ John 6:35 *Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”*

“Let the wicked forsake his way”

⇒ John 14:6 *“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”*

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Isaiah 55:10-11



Invitation



R.S.V.P

☐ YES

☐ NO