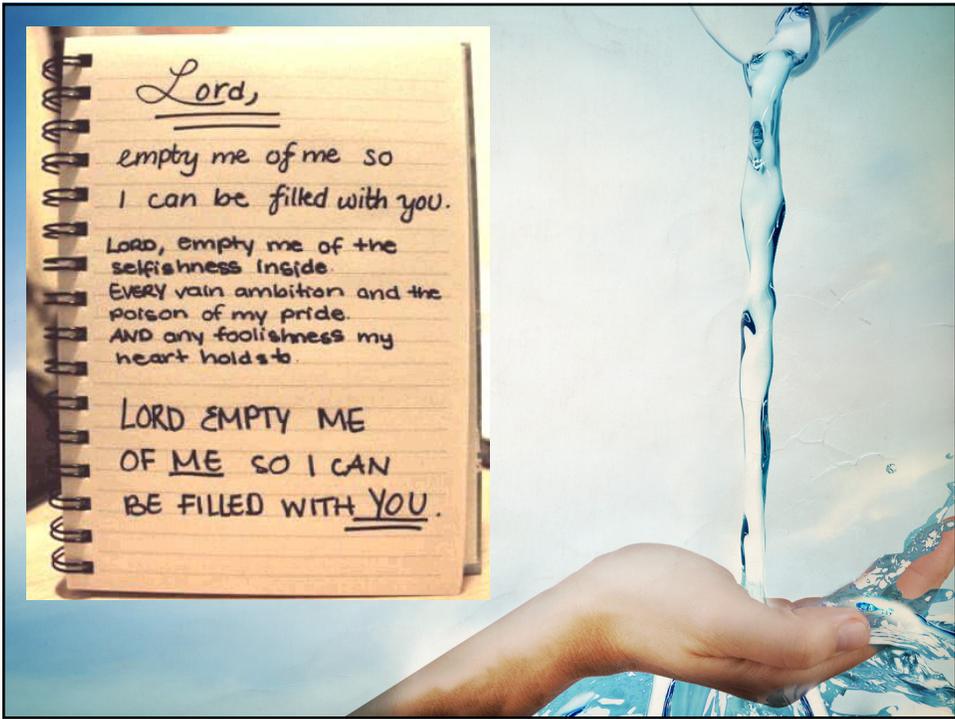
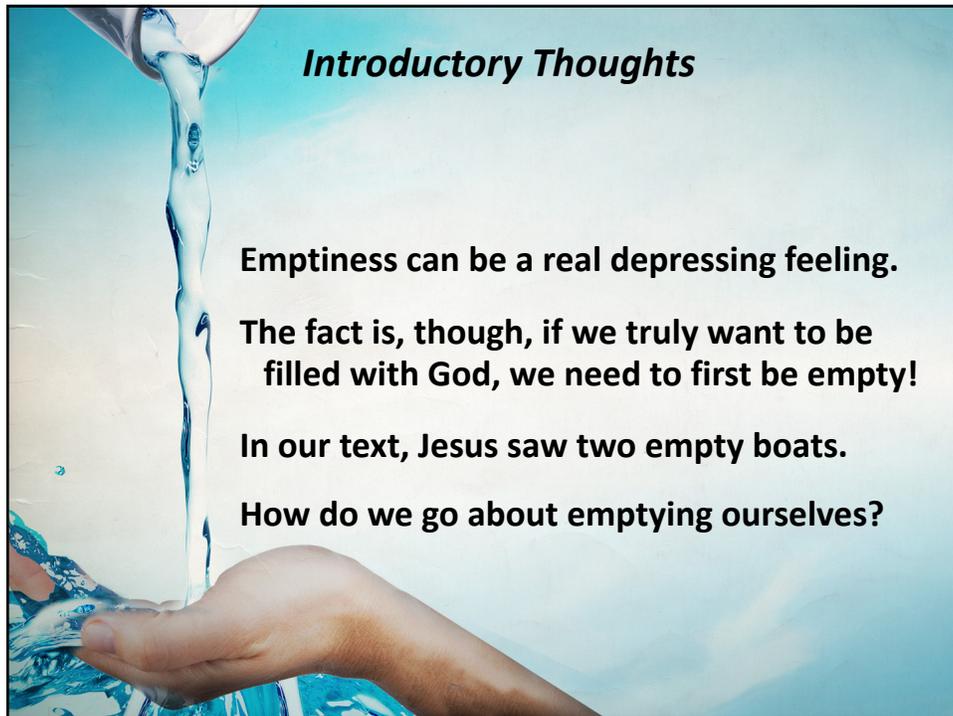




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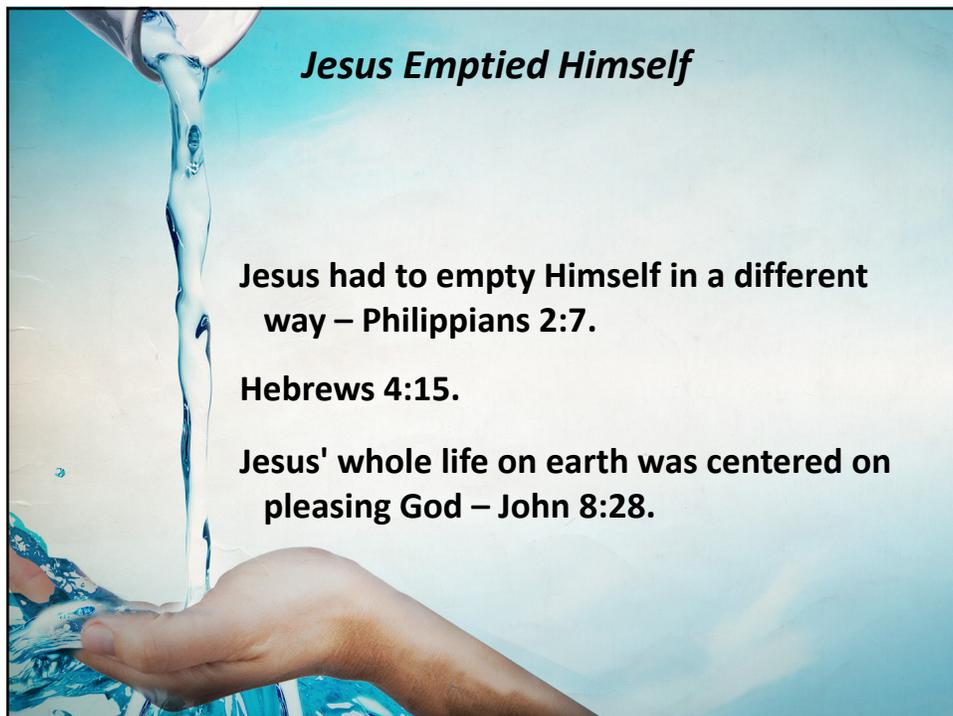
Emptiness can be a real depressing feeling.

The fact is, though, if we truly want to be filled with God, we need to first be empty!

In our text, Jesus saw two empty boats.

How do we go about emptying ourselves?

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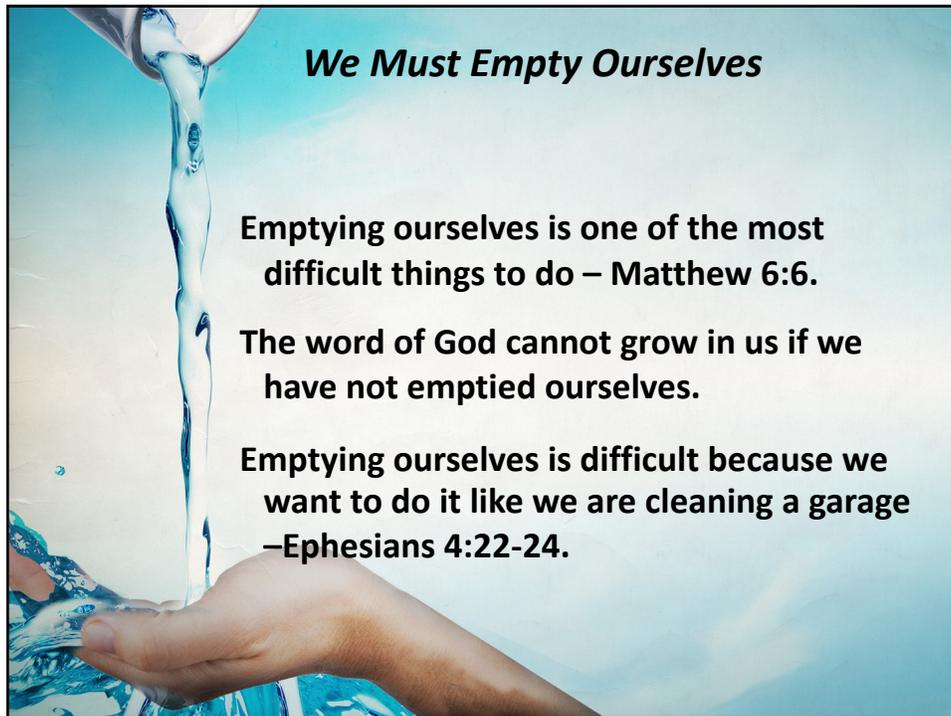
Jesus Emptied Himself

Jesus had to empty Himself in a different way – Philippians 2:7.

Hebrews 4:15.

Jesus' whole life on earth was centered on pleasing God – John 8:28.

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We Must Empty Ourselves

Emptying ourselves is one of the most difficult things to do – Matthew 6:6.

The word of God cannot grow in us if we have not emptied ourselves.

Emptying ourselves is difficult because we want to do it like we are cleaning a garage –Ephesians 4:22-24.

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Once Emptied, We Must Be Filled

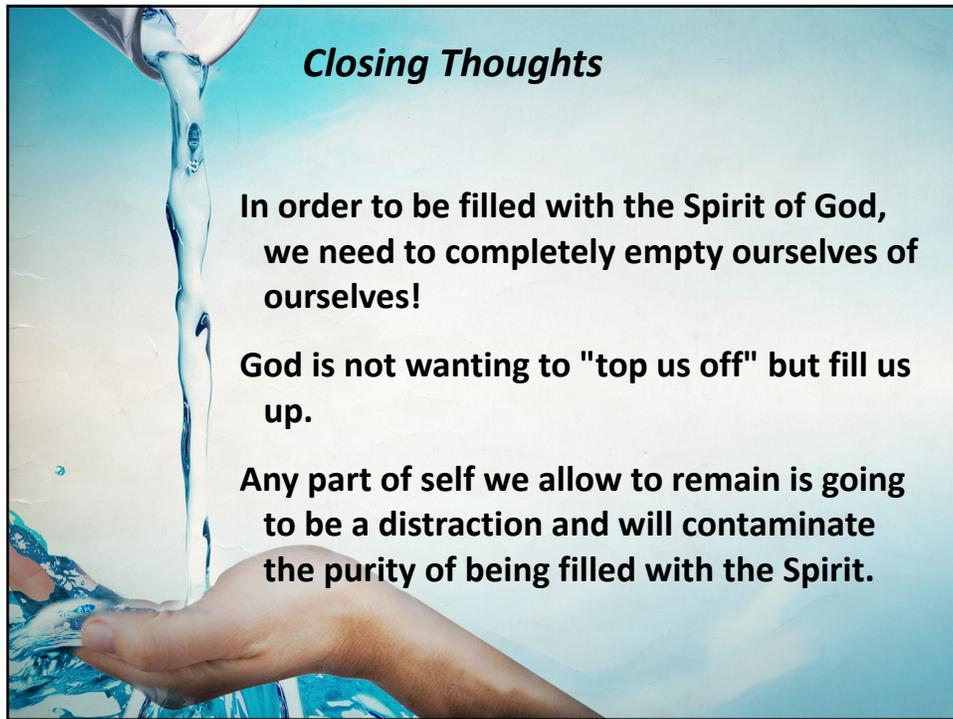
We empty ourselves from our former way of life to be filled by God – Ephesians 5:18.

Many people empty themselves, but forget to allow the Spirit to fill them – Luke 11:24-26.

How are we filled with the Spirit of God?

Luke 5:5-7

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