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I was working in my garden one morning, which had become totally overgrown with weeds. I am not much of a gardener, but on that morning I was determined to make my garden respectable.

It had been raining for a day and a half. 36 hours of steady, soaking rain, so the weeds, they were pulling free of the ground, roots and all, with very little effort. The whole garden was cleared in less than two hours.

I was amazed at how easy it had been.

Because of the rain.

I've weeded that garden before in dry weather. The weeds would break off at the roots and I would get so frustrated ... because everyone knows that if the root isn't out, then the weed is still there. One may not be able to see it, but it will come back. It can be discouraging.

Once, after a dry, futile evening of pulling weeds, I thought: I should run the sprinklers tonight. That way, the ground will be soft and yielding, the roots will pull right out and I can actually accomplish something. It was a great idea, but ... I failed to actually DO IT and soon my garden was full of weeds again.

The best way to eradicate weeds is to pull them from well-watered soil. Well-watered soil makes all the difference.

The "weeds" in my spiritual life are best eradicated in the same way. I need the water of the Holy Spirit to eradicate my sin. Without the water of God that flows from His throne, I'm battling in my own power of pulling from a dry ground ... cleaning up on the surface while the root of sin is still deep in my soul.

The good news is, there is a "*river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb.*" *Revelation 22:1.*

How do I get this water?

*"To the thirsty I will give **water without cost** from the spring of the water of life."* *Revelation 21:6*

"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