

DEEP

A JOURNEY TO THE DEEP

(See other titles: WORSHIP DON'T WORRY; PRAYING, THERE'S MORE TO PRAYER THAN JUST;
SET FREE)

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TEXT: Ezekiel 47:3-5

**And when the man that had the line in his hand
went forth eastward,
he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me
through the waters;
the waters were to the ankles.**

**Again he measured a thousand, and brought me
through the waters;
the waters were to the knees.**

**Again he measured a thousand, and brought me
through;
the waters were to the loins.**

**Afterward he measured a thousand;
and it was a river that I could not pass over:
for the waters were risen, waters to swim in,
a river that could not be passed over.**

INTRODUCTION:

**In the natural, I love the water,
but deathly afraid of drowning.
Can play around in the shallow, but get my face
anywhere near the water & it brings on panic.**

Illus: Married one year and Randy decides to teach me to swim.

On the spiritual side,

I've been baptized 7 times
and each time I came up shouting.

The last time I was baptized in a swimming pool
and when I came up out of the water – shouting –
I lost my hair piece.

Randy said it looked like a beaver
floating across the water.

I've learned recently of a little fish,
called the **Mariana snailfish**,

that lives in the deepest
caverns of the ocean,
where the pressure
is a thousand times greater than on the surface.

The temperature there is near freezing,
and there's no light at those depths.
But God created those fish –
they're about the size of a human hand –
to thrive in extreme conditions.

How do they do it?

This snailfish possesses special features like flexible skulls and bones.

Furthermore, they produce distinct chemicals that stabilize their constitution,
so the pressure inside them is greater than the pressure outside of them.

God has given these strange creatures everything they need for survival where they are and what He intends for them.

A Scripture quickly comes to mind:

Greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world!

It's true that we are living
in a pressure cooker world;
and that we are being bombarded
on every side
with unbelievable things
that test our faith,
our character,
our integrity, etc.

It's quite possible that every woman in this room,
at one time or another,
has had a desire to go deeper
into the Presence and Power of God.

It's also quite possible
that you saw Sherry's invitation
to this week-end away, read the theme,
and thought to yourself,
“Maybe this will be my time.”

Or you might have said,
“I've tried before and it just didn't happen for me.”

WELL, my advise is simply –
If you mess up, don't give up!
Instead pick up and start over.

Proverbs 27:16 says,
“A just (woman) falleth seven times
and riseth up again!”

In Jesus Name,
Your feet are not bound by earth's limitations.

The Divine nature within
helps you live
above the corruption of this world.

& your depth of faith determines
the depth of the supernatural
you'll walk in;

It's important to remember that you are
partnering w/the invisible
and that means
you're going to another level
with His assistance!

It's for sure
you and I
are not in this room by chance.
We are here by divine appointment;
and I have come with good news.

You can wade out,
as far as you desire,
into the deepest part
of God's blessing,
His Presence

and His power.
IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

When you say “deep” exactly what do you mean?

*It is a profound or intense
state of thought or feeling.*

*The quality or state
of being complete or thorough,
having supernatural insight
& knowledge*

Well, I'm here to give you a formula
that will take you deeper; and
the formula is - PETITION, PRAISE,
WORSHIP, & GLORY!

If we can capture these four basic principles,

- 1 we can have anything we need from God.
- 2 We can travel in spiritual high places,
- 3 and can find a depth of Presence and Power
we never dreamed possible.
- 4 We can experience
the supernatural.
- 5 We can know God's perfect will for our lives;

6 and we can swim in waters
unknown to most who follow Christ.

This formula begins with PETITION
and ends in the GLORY ZONE.

&, before we start this spiritual journey,
let's remember that we were not made
to *tread* water;

you and I were created to move
into the spiritual depths
of God's power and glory!

& this is a FACT:

The deeper you get,
the more powerful you become

SO, LET THE JOURNEY BEGIN!

**“The man with the measuring line, measured a
thousands cubits and he brought me through the
water and the water was to the ankles.”**

I PETITION

Philippians 4:6

**Let your requests be made known
to the Lord.**

Recently I read a statement by Joyce Meyer:
“A prayer cannot be answered until it is prayed.”

You gotta talk about it – whatever *it* is! –
to the Father;
& according to

Hebrews 4:16 you gotta -
Come boldly before the throne of grace

& you gotta stay there
until you pray through;
until, by faith,
you can feel that
spiritual river flowing at your feet.

Pray an hour,
a day,
a night,
a week –
whatever it takes!
however long it takes! –
until your faith says,
“YOU GOT THROUGH!”

Be willing to pray,
“Lord, do something
unpredictable
& uncontrollable!
I want to go deeper than I’ve ever been before.”

As you pray this,
it might be well to remember that
God always has a holy surprise
up His sovereign sleeve.

Anything could happen.
Any place.
Any time.

Daniel 6:13

There were men spying on Daniel –
&, the only fault they could find was:
“He makes his petition 3 times a day.”

Some things take longer than others;
Because the enemy is going to fight
every step of the way.

**But, when you reach
a point of resistance**

PRESS IN!

The very nano-second
that you step out on faith,
is the nano-second
your life will forever change –
because it's here
you have **BREAK THROUGH!**

& when you reach break through,
you will enter into profound praise;
& the journey to the deep continues!

**“and the man with the measuring line
measured another thousand cubits
and he led me through the waters
& they were to the knees.”**

II PRAISE is step 2 in our journey.

Psalm 150

Praise ye the Lord!
Let everything that hath breath
praise the Lord;
Praise ye the Lord!

A voice of praise
is always a voice of victory;
and when you praise,
the door to the Glory Zone is ajar!

Psalm 22:3

**(God is) holy and He is enthroned
in the praise of His people.**

When you PRAISE w/your whole heart
you create a “seat”
for God to SIT DOWN
in your life!

Go ahead and
put an extra chair at your table
‘cause God has come to your house and
He is making Himself at home!

IMPORTANT:

As you praise,
not only will YOU change,
but the very atmosphere in your home
will change!

That’s why the devil fights praise!

He does not want FATHER GOD
taking up residence at your house.

Hebrews 13:15

Offer the sacrifice of praise.

I thought it meant – “Praise God anyhow.”
BUT, there’s a “b” part to that verse.

Part “a” – Let us offer the sacrifice
of praise to God continually,

Part “b” - that is (or i.e.)
the fruit of our lips
giving thanks to His Name.

And God says in

Isaiah 57:19

“I create the fruit of the lips.”

BOTTOM LINE:

- 1 We are to offer a sacrifice.
- 2 That sacrifice
- 3 is the fruit of our lips.
- 4 & God Himself creates the fruit of our lips.
- 5 All we have to say is:
“Lord, create praise within me.”

In fact,
make that phrase
part of your petition!

When you get here –
you're standing at the door
to the Glory Zone
w/your hand on the handle.

A bubble starts – midsection.
A hallelujah!
A praise the Lord!
A burst of excitement!

That moment turns into a holy moment.

God invades the reality of your life
& at 3 in the morning;
everything is changed!

You start
praising in ways
you've never praised before;
& thru the power of praise
You come to know Him
In ways you have never known Him before!

e.g.

dance around the house,
sing new chorus never heard before,
a new prayer language begins to flow
**YOU'RE GOING DEEPER & HIGHER
AT THE SAME TIME.**

You are PRAISING,
MAGNIFYING,
GLORIFYING the LORD GOD;
& you are entering into
a deeper experience altogether.

Because the natural progression of praise is
III WORSHIP!

**“and the man with the measuring line
measured another thousand cubits
and he led me out.
The water was to the loins.”**

WATCH OUT!
Something is happening in the heavenlies!

A supernatural phenomenon
is about to take place!

It's a spiritual SHIFT –
& it's all moving in YOUR favor.

- 1 U have come boldly into the Throne Room;
- 2 U have make your petition known to the King;
- 3 U have prayed through &
U know He has heard;
- 4 U have praised Him loud and long;
- 5 & now U have crossed over into WORSHIP!

What you do not realize is -

At this time,

THERE'S A WHOLE LOT OF SHAKING
GOING ON –

Under the earth!

On the earth's surface!

& in the atmosphere above!

In answer to your worship

God has roared out of Zion;

& the DOOR TO THE GLORY ZONE
HAS SWUNG OPEN!!!

If you want to live in the Glory Zone,
you must be a worshipper.

- & the deepest level of worship
- 1 is praising God
in spite of pain,
 - 2 thanking God during trials,
 - 3 trusting Him
when you're tempted to lose hope,
 - 4 and loving Him even
when He seems so distant and
far away.

HEAR ME:

With the bombardment
from the outside world,
and the busy-ness of our daily lives,
and the pressure cooker
atmosphere around us,
it's like we're taking 3 steps forward
& 2 steps back!

IN SPITE OF ALL THIS -

God wants us to embrace
a fresh move of the Spirit,
not keep falling back
into the rut of our old routines.

Haven't you heard?

A rut is a grave with both ends knocked out!

1 if you want God to show up
w/a holy surprise,

2 If you want to see God move
In supernatural ways

& take you to supernatural depths,

3 then you must be a worshipper;

4 & GOD IS LOOKING FOR WORSHIPPERS!

Don't just PETITION,

Then PRAISE & stop there!

GO DEEPER!

GO DEEPER STILL!

WADE ON OUT &

WORSHIP!

A pretty face gets old;

a nice body changes radically with time,

but the woman

who has experienced

the deep things of God

will forever remain a powerful force
to be reckoned with.

SPEAK HIS NAME!

Song of Solomon 1:3

teaches us that is we will speak
His Name reverently with love
then the fragrance of His Presence
will fill this room!
& the journey will continue.

**“The man with the measuring line
measured another thousand cubits
he led me out and –
IT WAS A RIVER!”**

Petition until praise happens;
Praise until worship happens;
Worship until the glory comes,
Then –
Welcome to the glory zone!

IV THE GLORY

When you get so deep you can only swim,

that's when you're deep enough to
actually walk on the water.

You say, "That's not natural!"
And you're right!
IT'S SUPERNATURAL!

Here's where you partner w/the Invisible!
Here's where you have the faith,
THE ABILITY,
to call those things that are not
as though they were!

I Corinthians 3:18 LB

**As Christians we can be mirrors
that brightly reflect the glory of the Lord
as the Spirit of the Lord
works within us!**

What is GLORY?

- 1 A revelation of the Presence of God;
- 2 The manifestation of God's Presence;
- 3 A holy invasion of the very atmosphere;
- 4 A personal encounter w/God!

Isaiah 4:5

“The glory shall be a defense & a covering!”

When you are in the Glory Zone you are –

- 1 Protected
- 2 Covered
- 3 Enshrouded by His Presence!

It's in the Glory Zone that
the supernatural happens!

**& AS YOU GO DEEPER YOU GO HIGHER
& AS YOU GO HIGHER YOU GO DEEPER!**

Jesus John 17

When praying to the Father,
He mentioned the glory 9 TIMES!

God has a will for His people,
He has a will for Crystal River COG,
& He is looking for a group of women
who will press through to the Glory Zone,
who will lay claim to the
supernatural power of Almighty God!

Every church needs women of faith
who have pressed into the Glory Zone

who are so deep in the
spiritual waters
flowing from the Presence of God
they are –
READY TO DO BUSINESS
FOR GOD & W/GOD!

IN YOUR HOME,
IN YOUR CHURCH,
ON YOUR JOB
YOU CAN CREATE AN
ATMOSPHERE THAT IS
CONDUCTIVE FOR GOD TO
WORK MIRACLES!

Are you open to a holy surprise?
Do you have the courage
for God to move in your life
in an unexpected way?

COMMITMENT SERVICE:

What has hindered you in the past?
What hinders you now?
What just came to your mind?
Put a name on it.

Now, pick up the black trash bag.

Label it.

Get ready to get rid of it.

Just before you step in the “water” by faith,
put it in the garbage can.

By your action, you have made up your mind –
“I’m going deeper &
nothing is going to hinder me!”