

Deep Water – Part 1
“It’s time to go Deep!”
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Intro:

Kyle & Jennifer – Prayer & Sending...

- Today we are beginning a new series called, “Deep Water!”

Luke 5:1 “One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God.

v. 2 “He saw at the water’s edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets.

v. 3 “He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.”

5 Truths about “The Deep”:

1. Jesus will always ask us to “Put out a little from the shore” FIRST.

A. This creates separation from Safety & Comfort & Familiar & Land.

B. It’s like God has to get us “comfortable” trusting Him...

- But don’t worry, we can still see the land & the bottom.

- We can stand up if we fall out!!!

C. DAD SAYING “IF YOU FALL OUT, JUST STAND UP” ILL.

v. 4 “When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.”

2. Next... Jesus will ask us to “Put out into Deep Water.”

A. This takes way greater faith!

- It takes more work!
- It takes more effort!
- It takes more trust!

B. Once we know we can trust Him in the shallow water, then He will ALWAYS ask us to Trust Him in the Deeper Water!!!

- God loves us where we are, but He is not content to leave us there!
 - Especially where our faith is concerned!!!

v. 5a “Simon answered, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything...”

3. Our Flesh always fights against “The Deep.”

A. Peter’s instant response was to make Excuses!

- *“Man, we’ve tried that...”*
- *“We’ve been there & done that & it didn’t work!”*
- *“We know better than you do... you’re a carpenter, we are the fishermen!”*
 - *“We have experience... this ain’t our first rodeo, Jesus!!!”*
 - **AND... we are tired b/c we’ve been working really hard!**

B. ? Ever had your flesh fight against the “Deep” thing God was calling you to?!?

- **I know I have!!!**

- MWK ILL – A few weeks ago, a set of circumstances came out of nowhere & I instantly lost my cool, etc.

- Sarah was like, “I think theirs is something deeper that God is trying to show you & He wants you to deal with!!!”

v. 5 “Simon answered, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.”

4. There comes a Moment where we have to Trust & Obey God!

A. ? Are we willing to listen to God, and Obey what He is asking us to do?!?

- Even if it doesn’t make Logical Sense?
- Even if it could make us Look Foolish?
- Even if we’ve already “been there & done that?”

B. This is the Essence of our Faith Journey!!!

- If we can get this & learn to Trust God, no matter what, then we will keep growing & maturing in our faith...

- But if we don’t & we refuse to Trust God, then we will by default, be relegated to “Shallow Water” living forever!!!

C. So many of us know people who have never progressed in their faith & it is because of THIS EXACT REASON!!!

- We look on & go, “They just need to Trust God more Deeply!!!”

D. Somehow, it’s so easy to see the speck in their eye isn’t it? And yet miss the plank in our own?!?

v. 6 “When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break.”

5. The Harvest God has for us is Huge if... we will Trust Him!

- A. God has a harvest for us, but it doesn't come in the shallow water!**
 - It only comes in the deep & it only comes through Obedience!**

Segue: What I love about this story is that...

***** God uses Natural Things to teach us Spiritual Things!**

- Church, I believe God wants to teach us Greater Trust in Him through the Natural "Thing" of our Money & Personal Finances!!!**
 - One of the greater stretchers & growers of our faith is our money!**

Why? B/c our Money is the Closest thing to our heart!!!

Matthew 6:21 "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

- MIP: ? Will we trust God with the "Deep Places" of our Finances?**
- It's one thing to SAY we trust God in the Shallow Water!**
- But when God calls us to the Deep Water, it's another Huge Faith Step entirely!!!**

5 Categories of People Here Today:

- Every, single one of us have a Next Step Financially...**
- (Say all 5 categories first, then unpack them & talk about action steps...)**

1. Struggling.

- You need to Trust God to help you get on a Plan & a Budget & stop living in Neutral or worse, in Denial about your Present Financial State!**
- Action Step: Get the ABC's book & Workbook!**

2. Surviving.

- Begin Tithing!
 - You need to Invite God's Partnership into your Finances!
 - LIKE JOINING A GYM ILL.
- If you want to get in shape, invite the input of someone who knows best how to do it!

3. Tithing.

- You need to move beyond just the first 10% & push out into the Deep Water of Generosity!!!
- Start Giving Generously!

4. Generous.

- Ask God to Show you what He wants you to do in this Next Season!
 - SARAH & MWK ILL.
- We had a goal for a long time & God said, "This is the Year to stop talking about it & just start DOING IT!!!"

5. Extravagantly Generous.

- Get even more Bold & Audacious knowing that we are making Investments that carry an Eternal ROI!!!
- NLLC – Last Week – Over 35,000 people impacted!
- KBers Goal this year –
 - Allow us to Pay Cash for the Land.
 - Have close to \$1Million for the DC Buildout.
- AND... fully fund every KBer Initiative that represents 100,000's of souls!
- MIP: God is going to speak to some of us to write the largest check we've ever written in our entire faith life!!!
 - B/c the harvest opportunity is so great!

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Challenge:

- **God wants each of us to take a Faith Step up into the Next Category!**
 - **He’s calling us into the Deep Water!**
- **It’s gonna take Faith!**