

Stepping Into...

“Deep Water”

2 Chronicles 16:9 (KJV)

⁹ For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart are fully committed to Him.

John 17:3 (NIV)

³ Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

Luke 5:4 (NIV)

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

Luke 5:4 (NLT)

⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “**Now go out where it is deeper**, and let down your nets to catch some fish.”

Luke 5:5, 8,10 (NLT)

⁵ “Master,” Simon replied, “we worked hard all last night and didn’t catch a thing. **But if you say so**, I’ll let the nets down again.”

⁸ When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees..... for he was awestruck by the number of fish they had caught.....

¹⁰ Jesus replied to Simon, **“Don’t be afraid!.**

"We don't have options at times.....
the disappointment is huge but I
don't want my *why* to ever take me
away from Him, I don't want to be the
one who critiques God, God is the one
who critiques me"

Bill Johnson, 19th July 2022

Isaiah 43:2–3 (NLT)

² When you go through deep waters,
I will be with you.

³ When you go through rivers of difficulty,
you will not drown.

“You cannot discover new oceans unless you are willing to lose sight of the shore...”

Ezekiel 47:1–2 (NLT) ‘The River of Healing’

¹ “In my vision, the man brought me back to the entrance of the Temple. There I saw a stream flowing east from beneath the door of the Temple and passing to the right of the altar on its south side. ² The man brought me outside the wall through the north gateway and led me around to the eastern entrance. There I could see the water flowing out through the south side of the east gateway.”

Ezekiel 47:3–5 (NLT) ‘The River of Healing’

³ Measuring as he went, he took me along the stream for 1,750 feet and then led me across. The water was up to my ankles. ⁴ He measured off another 1,750 feet and led me across again. This time the water was up to my knees. After another 1,750 feet, it was up to my waist. ⁵ Then he measured another 1,750 feet, and the river was too deep to walk across. It was deep enough to swim in, but too deep to walk through.

“The depth of the waters into which we walk depends on how completely we have cut our ties with the shore, the greatness of our need and our anxieties about the future.”

Matthew 14:22–26 (NLT)

²² Immediately after this, Jesus insisted that his disciples get back into the boat and cross to the other side of the lake, while he sent the people home. ²³ After sending them home, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. Night fell while he was there alone. ²⁴ Meanwhile, the disciples were in trouble far away from land, for a strong wind had risen, and they were fighting heavy waves. ²⁵ About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the water, they were terrified. In their fear, they cried out, "It's a ghost!"

Matthew 14:27–32 (NLT)

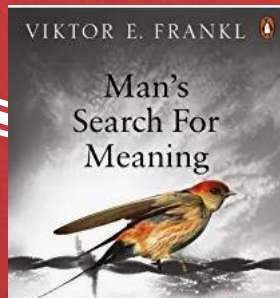
²⁷ But Jesus spoke to them at once. “Don’t be afraid,” he said. “Take courage. I am here!” ²⁸ Then Peter called to him, “Lord, if it’s really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water.” ²⁹ “Yes, come,” Jesus said.

So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. “Save me, Lord!” he shouted.

³¹ Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him. “You have so little faith,” Jesus said. “Why did you doubt me?”

³² When they climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped.

“We need to stop asking about the meaning of life, but instead to think of ourselves as those who are being questioned by life – daily and hourly. It really doesn’t matter what we expect from life but what life expects from us.”



What is this?

Who painted it?

Where is it housed?

How much is it worth?





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Isaiah 40:28–31 (NLT)

²⁸ Have you never heard? Have you never understood? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth. He never grows weak or weary. No one can measure the depths of his understanding. ²⁹ He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless. ³⁰ Even youths will become weak and tired, and young men will fall in exhaustion. ³¹ But those who trust in the LORD will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.

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