

I. Deep water requires trust

Ps 46:4-7; Rev 22:1-2

Trusting God vs Trusting Man

“ . . . Repentance and rest you will be saved, in quietness and trust is your strength.”

Isa 30:15b; Ps 32:10; Prov 28:26; Prov 22:19; Ps 56:11

II. Deep water requires walking

One must walk “a mile” to see the depth of His riches . . .

“Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!”

Rom 11:33a; Matt 13:3-6

III. Deep water requires being planted

A well planted tree has no fear for need of water. Ezek 47:8

“¹⁸ There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love. ¹⁹ We love, because He first loved us.”

I John 4:18-19

Application for Today:

I Cor 13:11; Heb 6:1a; I Cor 14:20

1. (GROW)

- A. Childhood Ankle deep Striving
- B. Youth Knee deep Surviving
- C. Adulthood Waste deep Diving
- D. Maturity Swim only Thriving

2. Deep Water is the Place of Rest

Mark 6:31-32; Ps 37:7; Heb 4:10-11

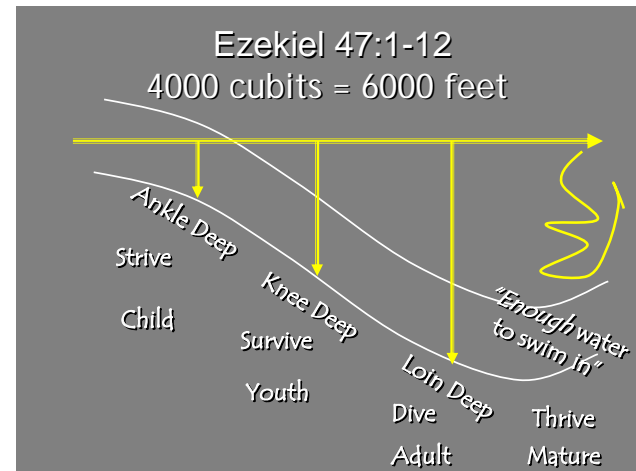
- A. Water and rest are related
- B. We are specifically called to enter God’s rest

- “Cease striving and know that I am God.”

Ps 46:10

- Stop striving: (let go, relax) Chill, and be still

Ezekiel 47:1-12 ¹Then he brought me back to the door of the house; and behold, water was flowing from under the threshold of the house toward the east, for the house faced east. And the water was flowing down from under, from the right side of the house, from south of the altar. ² And he brought me out by way of the north gate and led me around on the outside to the outer gate by way of the gate that faces east. And behold, water was trickling from the south side. ³ When the man went out toward the east with a line in his hand, he measured a thousand cubits, and he led me through the water, water reaching the ankles. ⁴ Again he measured a thousand and led me through the water, water reaching the knees. Again he measured a thousand and led me through the water, water reaching the loins. ⁵ Again he measured a thousand; and it was a river that I could not ford, for the water had risen, enough water to swim in, a river that could not be forded. ⁶ And he said to me, "Son of man, have you seen this?" Then he brought me back to the bank of the river. ⁷ Now when I had returned, behold, on the bank of the river there were very many trees on the one side and on the other. ⁸ Then he said to me, "These waters go out toward the eastern region and go down into the Arabah; then they go toward the sea, being made to flow into the sea, and the waters of the sea become fresh. ⁹ "And it will come about that every living creature which swarms in every place where the river goes, will live. And there will be very many fish, for these waters go there, and the others become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes. ¹⁰ "And it will come about that fishermen will stand beside it; from Engedi to Eneglaim there will be a place for the spreading of nets. Their fish will be according to their kinds, like the fish of the Great Sea, very many. ¹¹ "But its swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they will be left for salt. ¹² "And by the river on its bank, on one side and on the other, will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither, and their fruit will not fail. They will bear every month because their water flows from the sanctuary, and their fruit will be for food and their leaves for healing."



Care Group Questions

“Strive, Survive, Dive, Thrive”
Text: Ezek 47:1-12

Joseph Christopherson

September 24, 2006

1. What is one of the main points from Ezekiel’s passage 47:1-12?
2. What instances or seasons in my life have I been in “marshy” places as described in Ezekiel 47: 12’s “En Eglayim” & “En Gedi?”
3. If the Christian walk is progressive, what are some ways the four stages of “river depth” represent our spiritual walk?
4. How does “deeper water” require more “trust?”
5. What sort of fruit do you think the Lord wants you to produce?
6. Am I planted? Do I have “deep roots” in the faith?
7. What are some ways I can “dive” into God’s purposed “rest” for me and my family’s life?”
8. Am I expectant of God’s healing hand in my life?
9. Define “chill and be still.”

Care Group Questions

“Strive, Survive, Dive, Thrive”
Text: Ezek 47:1-12

Joseph Christopherson

September 24, 2006

1. What is one of the main points from Ezekiel’s passage 47:1-12?
2. What instances or seasons in my life have I been in “marshy” places as described in Ezekiel 47: 12’s “En Eglayim” & “En Gedi?”
3. If the Christian walk is progressive, what are some ways the four stages of “river depth” represent our spiritual walk?
4. How does “deeper water” require more “trust?”
5. What sort of fruit do you think the Lord wants you to produce?
6. Am I planted? Do I have “deep roots” in the faith?
7. What are some ways I can “dive” into God’s purposed “rest” for me and my family’s life?”
8. Am I expectant of God’s healing hand in my life?
9. Define “chill and be still.”