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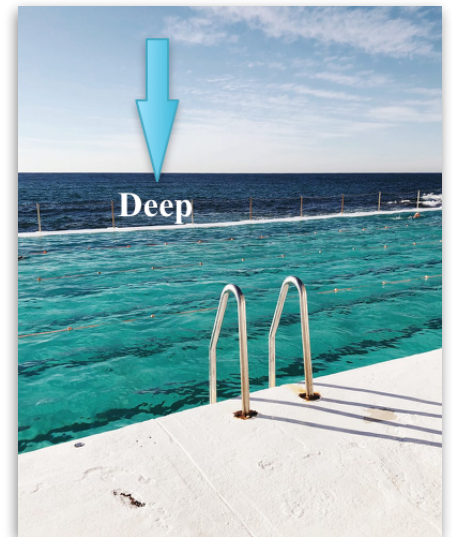


Was it not you who dried up the sea, the waters of the great deep, who made a road in the depths of the sea so that the redeemed might cross over? Isaiah 51:10 (NIV).

Thought for today...

School days. I remember 'PE' (physical education) lessons, in which my class would trot off to the local swimming baths for lessons. I recall some of my fearless classmates clamouring for permission to jump in at the deep end, whilst I (being the sensible person that I am), sought the safety that the shallow end offered, with my feet able to touch the bottom of the pool.

The uncertainty of the deep end may instil in us a sense of fear; possibly because we feel we will literally be out of our depth, or because we perceive there to be an increased risk that we may drown.



There are those who at this very moment, are sensing an urgent call into the deep by Holy Spirit, but are reluctant to heed the call as it brings with it the suggestion of danger.

A call into the deep held no fear for Simon Peter. He was instructed to push away from the shore - the safety of the shallow end - so that he might let down his nets for the greatest catch of his life. Luke 5:4 tells us that when Jesus had stopped speaking: '... He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." (NKJV).

When Jesus calls us into the deep, we can be sure that His purpose is not for us to drown! My anxious thoughts of drifting aimlessly in the deep as I find myself unable to tread water, are quieted by a gentle reminder that we have an anchor who is Christ the Solid Rock!

With seemingly nothing to grab a hold of, if we are fastened to Christ and He is our anchor, not only will we stay afloat, but we will be able to stand - yes ***stand*** - upright and sure footed on Christ the Rock whilst in the bottomless deep!

Hebrews 6:19 reminds us: “Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast...” (KJV).

Jonah Chapter 2:3-6 explains how Jonah found himself in the deep as a result of his choices. Although floods may compass us when we are called into the deep, we will not be engulfed, nor will the deep waters swallow us up, (Psalm 69:15) or overflow us (Isaiah 43:2).

If, like me, you are sensing God’s call for you to venture out into the deep, to push out from the shore - the shallow end - and into the deep, so that He may reveal to you greater mysteries and knowledge, how will you choose to answer?



Jesus beckoned Peter to “come”, calling him to step out of the boat and onto the water (Matthew 14:29). That same Jesus may now be calling you to leave the shallow end, in exchange for the weightier things of the Spirit, which can only be experienced in the deep.

Are you ready to answer His call?