



Part 2: In Over My Head
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A working definition of spiritual depth:
An intimate knowledge of God.

Going deep can be scary, but the Bible promises:

God's presence

Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?
If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.
If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
if I settle on the far side of the sea,
even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast. – *Psalms 139:7-10*

God's wisdom

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!
"Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?"
"Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him?"
For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen. – *Romans 11:33-36*

God's love

And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. – *Ephesians 3:17b-19*

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. – *Romans 8:35-39*

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My pursuit of spiritual depth has:

The power of God's presence

The strength of God's wisdom

The security of God's love

Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waterfalls;
all your waves and breakers have swept over me.
By day the LORD directs his love, at night his song is with me—
a prayer to the God of my life.

Psalm 42:7-8

When You Get Home

You got hit with a ton of information today. Take a moment and pray, "God where are you taking me deeper?" Sit and listen. Wait and then wait a little more. What did God say to you?

Next Steps

Depth Finder: Take the DEEP tool home and pray over it. Mark where are you on the chart, and choose one of the next steps. Share that step with a family member, friend, or your small group so they can encourage you to follow through with your choice.

Baptism: If you have accepted Jesus as your Savior but haven't been baptized, decide today to be baptized on the weekend of October 2 & 3. Register today at the Connection point for the baptism class held next Sunday, September 26.

Small Group Questions



- 1) In childhood, most of us had a first encounter with swimming. What do you remember about yours? Where did you learn? Who taught you? Were you afraid of the water?
- 2) Which of the three (God's presence, wisdom or love) do you struggle to accept? Why is that particular one such a struggle?
- 3) Pull out the DEEP tool from the weekend. Tell the group where you see yourself on the grid. Do you see any work you should go backwards and do?
- 4) Where are you planning on going DEEP this fall? What are you purposefully going to do?
- 5) How can we pray for you tonight?