



#94 HE IS OUR DEEPER DIVE

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KEY THEME: The Lord, our Deeper Dive, yearns for us to remember that No matter how deep our valleys, He is deeper still.

Deep calls to deep. . . Psalm 42:7

MESSAGE/TAKEAWAYS:

The Lord, our Deeper Dive, begins and progresses to greater depths:

- 1. He is our Merciful Savior.** Matthew 9:36
[] We are downcast sheep. [] Blind. Captive.
- 2. He is our Gentle Teacher.** Mark 10:13-14
[] We are His **children/disciples**.
[] Milk. Meat. Rabbi. Sit at His feet/Kid's sermons. Head/Heart/Trust
[] Doctrine? Theology (types)? Hermeneutics? Creeds? Parables!
[] Controversy? Perspectives? Secondary? Simple/Complex/Simple
- 3. He is our Gracious Master.** II Timothy 2:24-26
[] We are His voluntary **bond-servants**. He is General/King/Ruler
[] Court servants vs. enthroned kings. Not a task-master.
[] Duty; Stoic; Hoops; Winner; Resentful; Bitter; Numb
- 4. He is our Loving Bridegroom.** Ephesians 5:31-32
[] We are His **beloved bride**.
[] Unconditional love vs. Earned love. *Baggage; Broken; Wounds; Sin*
[] Unbridled love vs. Guarded love. *Performance; High ground; Score*
[] Love-based vs. Duty based *Loyalty; Actions; Words; Commitment*
- 5. He is our Fruitful Oneness.** John 15:5; II Cor. 5:17; Col. 1:26-28; 3"3
[] We are His **new creations in Christ**.
[] Keep on swimming. Mind of Christ. Merge into ONE!
Earthly things fade away . . .
[] He works through me & in spite of me, rather than because of me

Psalm 42:1-2, 5, 7

*As the deer pants for the water brooks, So my soul pants for You, God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God . . . Why are you in despair, my soul? And why are you restless within me?
. . . Deep calls to deep . . .*

- 1. Matthew 9:36** *Seeing the crowds, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and downcast, like sheep without a shepherd.*
- 2. Mark 10:13-14** *And they were bringing children to Him so that He would touch them; but the disciples rebuked them. 14 But when Jesus saw this, He was indignant and said to them, "Allow the children to come to Me; do not forbid them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.*
- 3. II Timothy 2:24-26** *And The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, skillful in teaching, patient when wronged, 25 with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, 26 and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will.*
- 4. Ephesians 5:31-32** *For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. 32 This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.*
- 5. John 15:5** *I am the vine, you are the branches; the one who remains in Me, and I in him bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. * II Corinthians 5:17* *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things have become new * Colossians 1:26-28; 3:3* *The mystery which had been hidden from the past ages and generations, but now has been revealed to His saints ... is Christ in you, the hope of glory ... so that we may present every person complete in Christ ... For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.*