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Ezekiel 47:1-9

1 Then he brought me back to the door of the temple; and there was water, flowing from under the threshold of the temple toward the east, for the front of the temple faced east; the water was flowing from under the right side of the temple, south of the altar. 2 He brought me out by way of the north gate, and led me around on the outside to the outer gateway that faces east; and there was water, running out on the right side. 3 And when the man went out to the east with the line in his hand, he measured one thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the water came up to my ankles. 4 Again he measured one thousand and brought me through the waters; the water came up to my knees. Again he measured one thousand and brought me through; the water came up to my waist. 5 Again he measured one thousand, and it was a river that I could not cross; for the water was too deep, water in which one must swim, a river that could not be crossed. 6 He said to me, "Son of man, have you seen this?" Then he brought me and returned me to the bank of the river. 7 When I returned, there, along the bank of the river, were very many trees on one side and the other. 8 Then he said to me: "This water flows toward the eastern region, goes down into the valley, and enters the sea. When it reaches the sea, its waters are healed. 9 And it shall be that every living thing that moves, wherever the rivers go, will live. There will be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters go there; for they will be healed, and everything will live wherever the river goes.

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THREE UNDERSTANDINGS ABOUT THE RIVER OF GOD:

1. The source of the water comes from **God's divine presence**.
 - a. **Psalm 46:4** *There is a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High.*

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THREE UNDERSTANDINGS ABOUT THE RIVER OF GOD:

2. The course of the River flows from the temple through to the **Dead Sea**.
 - a. **Ezekiel 47:8** *Then he said to me: "This water flows toward the eastern region, goes down into the valley, and enters the sea. When it reaches the sea, its waters are healed.*
 - b. **Joel 3:18** *And it will come to pass in that day... all the brooks of Judah shall be flooded with water; A fountain shall flow from the house of the LORD and water the Valley of Acacias.*

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THREE UNDERSTANDINGS ABOUT THE RIVER OF GOD:

3. The force of the River brings **healing** and **life** to everything it touches.
 - a. **Ezekiel 47:9** *And it shall be that every living thing that moves, wherever the rivers go, will live. There will be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters go there; for they will be healed, and **everything will live wherever the river goes.***

It is by His **FORCE**, not our **force**!

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THE IMPACT OF THE RIVER IN YOUR LIFE:

1. Where are you on the depth chart?
 - a. **Ezekiel 47:3-5** ...measured one thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the water came up to my ankles... measured one thousand and brought me through the waters; the water came up to my knees... measured one thousand and brought me through; the water came up to my waist... measured one thousand, and it was a river that I could not cross; for the water was too deep, water in which one must swim, a river that could not be crossed.
 - b. **Ankle Deep:** A **starting** place, not a **parking** place.
 - c. **Knee Deep:** You are meant to **walk through** it—not to it.
 - d. **Waist Deep:** A pivotal point of decision, will you be in **control** or will you **trust** the River?
 - e. **Waters Deep:** Where your **control** is **surrendered** over to the flow of the Holy Spirit.

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THE IMPACT OF THE RIVER IN YOUR LIFE:

2. The deeper you go; the world sees **less** of **you** and more of the **River**.
 - a. **Colossians 3:2** *Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth... (go deeper) your life is hidden with Christ in God.*
 - b. **John 3:30** *He must increase, but I must decrease.*

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THE IMPACT OF THE RIVER IN YOUR LIFE:

3. The deeper you go, the **harder** it is to get **pulled out**.

This has everything to do with the depth of our own submission to God.

- a. **Ephesians 3:18** *...may be able to comprehend... what is the width and length and depth and height.*

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THE IMPACT OF THE RIVER IN YOUR LIFE:

4. What starts in the church is meant to **flow** through you in the **community**.
 - a. **John 7:38-39** **38** *He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.* **39** *But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.*

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THE IMPACT OF THE RIVER IN YOUR LIFE:

5. The **power** of this River brings **dead** things back to life.
 - a. **John 6:63** *The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life.*

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Reflection:

What depth are you choosing?