

## The Deep End

### **Ezekiel 40-48**

*It's all about measuring. God is very precise and he has a plan for everyone. Everything comes by purpose and plan. You are a part of God's plan.*

### **Ezekiel 47**

*The Spirit of God moving throughout the earth and blessing people. – God's Kingdom spreading*

### **Ezekiel 47:1-12**

*In my vision, the man brought me back to the entrance of the Temple. There I saw a stream flowing east from beneath the door of the Temple and passing to the right of the altar on its south side. The man brought me outside the wall through the north gateway and led me around to the eastern entrance. There I could see the water flowing out through the south side of the east gateway. Measuring as he went, he took me along the stream for 1,750 feet and then led me across. The water was up to my ankles. He measured off another 1,750 feet and led me across again. This time the water was up to my knees. After another 1,750 feet, it was up to my waist. Then he measured another 1,750 feet, and the river was too deep to walk across. It was deep enough to swim in, but too deep to walk through. He asked me, "Have you been watching, son of man?" Then he led me back along the riverbank. When I returned, I was surprised by the sight of many trees growing on both sides of the river. Then he said to me, "This river flows east through the desert into the valley of the Dead Sea. The waters of this stream will make the salty waters of the Dead Sea fresh and pure. There will be swarms of living things wherever the water of this river flows. Fish will abound in the Dead Sea, for its waters will become fresh. Life will flourish wherever this water flows. Fishermen will stand along the shores of the Dead Sea. All the way from En-gedi to En-eglaim, the shores will be covered with nets drying in the sun. Fish of every kind will fill the Dead Sea, just as they fill the Mediterranean. But the marshes and swamps will not be purified; they will still be salty. Fruit trees of all kinds will grow along both sides of the river. The leaves of these trees will never turn brown and fall, and there will always be fruit on their branches. There will be a new crop every month, for they are watered by the river*

*flowing from the Temple. The fruit will be for food and the leaves for healing.”*

## **1. The Deep End is a Great Place**

### ***Psalms 42:7***

*Deep calls unto deep at the noise of Your waterfalls; All Your waves and billows have gone over me.*

## **2. God Wants You in the Deep End**

### ***Psalms 139:14***

*Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it.*

### ***Jeremiah 29:11***

*For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.*

### ***Ephesians 2:10***

*For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.*

### ***Proverbs 3:5-6***

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.*

## **3. How Do I Get to the Deep End?**