

“Let’s Go Deeper”

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Bible-First Lifestyle reading: Ezekiel 27 – 48; Ps. 127 - 135

“So where the river flows everything will live...” Ezek. 47:9

The River

- The source of the river is **God**.

“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” Jn. 4:13-14

- The river flows from the **Temple**.

“So they quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.”...”Strike the rock and water will come out of it for the people to drink.” Ex. 17:1-7

- The river brings **life** to and **refreshes** everything it touches.

“Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.” Ps. 1:1-3

Going Deeper

“As the man went eastward with a measuring line in his hand, he measured off a thousand cubits and then led me through the water...”
Ezek. 47:3-6

- **Ankle** deep – you can run through ankle deep water
- **Knee** deep – it is difficult and makes you walk different
- **Waist** deep – you must walk very slow against the water
- Deep enough to **carry you** – the water carries you fast with no effort

“Swarms of living creatures will live wherever the river flows...Fruit trees of all kinds will grow

“And the name of the city from that time on will be: The Lord is There.”
Ezek. 48:35

Ez. 37 – valley of dry bones

Ez. 38 - 39 – Prophetic end times –

Ez. 40-46 – New Temple, priests, etc.

Ez. 47 – River from the Temple – See Rev. 21

The source of the river is God

The river refreshes everything it touches and brings life that all can enjoy

Life is perpetual from this river from the sanctuary flows to

Nourishment and healing

“The Lord is There”

Rivers that flowed and nourished the Garden of Eden

Moses receiving water from the rock – twice

Jesus – I have water that if you drink it you will never thirst again – living water

Ps. 1 – a tree planted by the water...

Ps. 23 – the good shepherd leads me beside quiet waters and restores my soul!

Are you spiritually dead, dry and parched?

Are you thirsty for vitality, purpose, joy and freedom?

Spiritual not separate from the physical.

If you want physical change start with the spiritual.

You can change some physical things and it's nice, helpful can make you feel better. Physical training is good for some things –

“For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise or both the present life and for the life to come.” 1 Tim. 4:8

Process of your losing control and getting into the flow of the river...

1/3 of a mile

Took Ezekiel into the water to examine its depth

The river grew deeper and flowed southeasterly to the desolate Jordan Valley toward the Red Sea and emptied into the Dead Sea bringing life to those barren waters.

Life and vitality, energy and productivity, joy and prosperity all result from the flowing of healthy waters.

Great cities built by the water: Paris and the Seine, London and the Thames, Prague, Vienna and Budapest on the Danube, SF and the Bay and on and on...water is the source of life – what is the source of water?

From the Temple – place of worship and prayer, place of obedient sacrifice, the place of God's presence...

1000 cubits – ankle deep. You are refreshed but you are in control.

Splash on the coast as you walk with your shoes off.

Feels refreshing and cool and so nice but you are still on shore and you

are not in any danger of being taken in. You can run in ankle deep water. You may get a little splash here and there but there is no mistaking that you are in control.

1000 cubits - knee deep. You walk different.

You are going deep and it makes you walk different.

You slog through knee deep water.

You have to slow down. You can run but much slower and only with an awkward knee lift run. You're going to get really wet when you run.

1000 cubits - waist deep. You struggle to walk on your own.

You struggle to walk on your own. Slow movement.

You are at the mercy of the torrential flow.

Still on your own as you can touch bottom but as the current changes you will be taken along with it.

1000 cubits -can't touch bottom. You swim.

You swim. The water supports you. You can't touch bottom but you move faster and better than ever before. This river flows by the strong trees nourished by it. Those trees bear fruit monthly and the leaves are for healing. Pours into sea and turns it fresh. Teaming with fish.

The Lord is There is the name of the c

See Rev. 22 – 1-6: From the throne of GOD - God's presence.

Trees of life for food and healing leaves. His name is on their foreheads – God is the light as there is no more night.

The Lord almighty is the temple – Rev. 21:22

No sun or moon as the Lord is the light.

Gates are never shut – no need for fear

No impurity will ever enter.

Only those written in the Lamb's Book of Life may enter.

The rest are sent to the lake of burning sulphur!

He will let people see His face!

River flows into the dead sea making it fresh teaming with fish.

Where God's presence is there is life!

The Name of the City is The Lord is There

Emmanuel – God with us!

White stone -