

Drawn into the Deep - "Our Father in Heaven"

We don't stay stuck in the shallow waters by accident. It comes down to our everyday choices.

- Don't settle for a man-made religion based on your smorgasbord of life experiences.
- Problem: Sin, like a deeply rooted weed, can persist within our man-made religious systems.

"Our Father who is in heaven" - Truth to receive by faith -> **I'm a beloved child of God.**

(Key verses: Psalm 68:5-6; 139:1-18; Matt. 7:7-11; Rom. 8:14-17; Gal. 3:26; 4:1-7; Eph. 3:14-21)

- **How this Truth transforms us:** (1.) I don't have to feel alone. (2.) I don't have to feel left out. (3.) No worries about my basic needs. (4.) I don't have to live with anxiety and fear.
- **How we activate this Truth:** Mental gymnastics/worry - I'm a beloved child of God. He's all over this. He's in control/sovereign. God has my best interests in mind.
- **I'm a beloved child of God** so I will _____ .

"Hallowed be Your name" - Truth to receive by faith -> **I live to honor God.**

(Key verses: Ex. 5:4-9; 20:8-10; Lev. 19:2, 32; Ezek. 36:22-36; Psalm 20:6-9; Matt. 5:16; 1 Pet. 1:13-16)

- **How this Truth transforms us:** (1.) We live in awareness of God's holy presence/remove incongruences. (2.) We live to exalt God rather than striving to impress and please people.
- **How we activate this Truth:** Be a student of God's Word to discover what makes Him cringe. Choose to honor His name. Cut ties with the garbage that breaks His heart.
- **I live to honor God** so I will _____ .

"Your kingdom come" - Truth to receive by faith -> **I long for God's Kingdom.**

(Key verses: Matthew 13:44-46; 24:27; Luke 4:42-44; Acts 1:1-3; Revelation 20:1-6)

- **How this Truth transforms us:** (1.) We develop an eternal perspective. (2.) We shift resources from our kingdom to God's kingdom. (3.) We join God's mission of rescue.
- **How we activate this Truth:** Every time self-serving pride seeks to make life all about building our earthly kingdom, we confront it with -> Father, it's Your kingdom not mine.
- **I long for God's Kingdom** so I will _____ .

Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven -> **I surrender my will to the Father**

(Key verses: Psalm 40:8; 103:19-22; Matt. 7:21-23; 12:50; 26:38-39; John 6:35-40; Rom. 8:26; 12:1-2)

- **How this Truth transforms us:** (1.) We eliminate influencers that desensitize us to sin. (2.) We choose God's will, even when difficult. (3.) We enjoy the blessings of obedience.
- **How we activate this Truth:** When life gets difficult, instead of running from God's will, choose to honor God in the storm. Even when this leads us into the deep, peace ensues.
- **I surrender my will to the Father** so I will _____ .

"...Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven." Matthew 6:9-10