

# Jump In, The Water Is Great!

## Text:

Ezekiel 47:12

John 7:37-39

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A. The greatest power we have is the power of choice. It's an actual fact that if you've been moping in unhappiness, you can choose to be joyous instead and, by effort, lift yourself into joy. If you tend to be fearful, you can overcome that misery by choosing to have courage. Even in darkest grief you have a choice. The whole trend and quality of anyone's life is determined in the long run by the choices that are made.

## II. Ezekiel's vision

A. A river that ran out of the sanctuary

1. Everything that it touched was given life

B. We as well must have water to sustain life

1. The woman at the well

a. **John 4:13-14** Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: <sup>14</sup>But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

C. How deep will you go?

1. **Ezekiel 47:2-5** Then brought he me out of the way of the gate northward, and led me about the way without unto the utter gate by the way that looketh eastward; and, behold, there ran out waters on the right side. <sup>3</sup>And when the man that had the line in his hand went forth eastward, he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the waters *were* to the ankles. <sup>4</sup>Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through the waters; the waters *were* to the knees. Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through; the waters *were* to the loins. <sup>5</sup>Afterward he measured a thousand; *and it was* a river that I could not pass over: for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over.

2. How deep do you want to go in your relationship with God?

- a. Ankle deep
- b. Knee deep
- c. Waist deep
- d. Over your head

### III. Over her head

A. **Matthew 15:21-28** Then Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, *thou* Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. <sup>23</sup>But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us. <sup>24</sup>But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>25</sup>Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me. <sup>26</sup>But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast *it* to dogs. <sup>27</sup>And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table. <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great *is* thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

### IV. Jump in the water it's great

**John 7:37-39** In the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. <sup>38</sup>He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. <sup>39</sup>(But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet *given*; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)