Wide Open (Part #4) Awareness. Awe. Adventure. "The Deep Journey In!"

2 Corinthians 6:11-13 (The Message) "Dear, dear Corinthians, I can't tell you how much I long for you to enter this wide-open, spacious life. We didn't fence you in. The smallness you feel comes from within you. Your lives aren't small, but you're living them in a small way. I'm speaking as plainly as I can and with great affection. Open up your lives. Live openly and expansively!"

"Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waterfalls; all your waves and breakers have swept over me."—Psalm 42:7

"There's no deep knowing of self without a deep knowing of God & No deep knowing of God without a deep knowing of self!"

What Will We Discover Down Deep? *Darkness & Light!

"For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing... ²²For in my inner being I delight in God's law..."—**Romans 7:18-19; 21-22**

"The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? ¹⁰I the LORD search the heart and examine the

mind..."—Jeremiah 17:9-10

*Our Motives!

"Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. ²⁴See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."—**Psalm 139:23-24**

*What We Truly <u>Love</u> & <u>Value</u>! *That We Are Truly <u>Loved</u> & <u>Valued</u>!

*Longing For Eternal Things!

"He has also set eternity in the human heart."—Ecclesiastes 3:11

*Predators: Shame; Guilt; Arrogance; Lies; Regret!

*The Image Of God!

Special Warnings...

*You Cannot Live Solely <u>Inside</u> Yourself!
*Don't Let Your Past <u>Define</u> You Even
Though It Is Part Of Your Story!

What Do We Need On This Deep Journey? *Honesty & Transparency!

*Community!

*Truth, Love & Wisdom!

"Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ..."—**Ephesians 4:15 (NLT)**

"Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you. ⁷The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding."

-Proverbs 4:6-7

*God's Word!

*God's Spirit!

*Courage!
*Ownership!

"The desperate need today is not for a greater number of intelligent people, or gifted people, but for deep people."—Richard Foster

"But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. The want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death

—Philippians 3:7-10

IN US TODAY

Sunday, May 14th, 2017

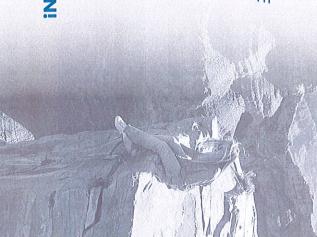
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SINKING DEEP Offering

Message
THE DEEP JOURNEY IN: Pastor Dean Ward



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	This Week		Next Week
Sunday May 14	Mothers Day Photos Services 9:30am & 11:15am	Sunday May 21	12th Annual Car Show Service 10:45am
Wednesday May 17	The River's Edge Youth Group 6–8pm	Wednesday May 24	The River's Edge Youth Group 6-8pm

JUNE 11-29

WHITEHALL YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS

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JULY 17-21 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL @ THE RIVER NEW KENSINGTON

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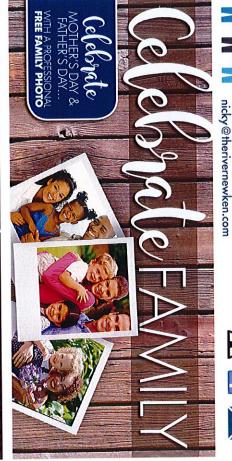
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After the offering song, the youth will go into the Youth Room for their lesson. Every 2nd and 4th Sunday, the youth are encouraged to attend the 11:15 service.