



Sermon Outline

September 12th-13th, 2026

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Matthew 14:22-33

Why would God ever call us to choose something as dangerous as the deep end?

The _____ – Dying to Live

The deep end doesn't care how good a swimmer you are. It only cares who you're holding onto.

Romans 6:3-4 “Or don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? ⁴We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.”

Biblical water is where _____ meets _____.

We have faith for our future. Do we have faith for today?

The _____ – Trusting Before You See

Joshua 3:13-16 “¹³And as soon as the priests who carry the ark of the Lord—the Lord of all the earth—set foot in the Jordan, its waters flowing downstream will be cut off and stand up in a heap.’

¹⁴So when the people broke camp to cross the Jordan, the priests carrying the ark of the covenant went ahead of

them. ¹⁵Now the Jordan is at flood stage all during harvest. Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water’s edge, ¹⁶the water from upstream stopped flowing... So the people crossed over opposite Jericho.”

Faith is saying _____ before you know what the _____.

The _____ – Keeping Our Eyes on Jesus

Matthew 14:24-27 “the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. ²⁵Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶When the disciples saw Him walking on the lake, they were terrified. ‘It’s a ghost,’ they said, and cried out in fear. ²⁷But Jesus immediately said to them: ‘Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.’”

_____ gets you in the boat. _____ gets you out of it.

The Myth: Faith is for _____.

The Gospel: Faith is for _____.

This Week:

1. What's the deep end God is asking me to step into right now?
2. Am I waiting to see the miracle before I obey?
3. Where might I have taken my eyes off Jesus?

The deep end doesn't just make you a stronger swimmer. It reveals who you're holding onto.