

Reach and Pull: You are a Deep End Swimmer!

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As you listen again to the Book of James being recited, write down what stands out to you:

You are a deep end swimmer!

- Let your floaties be taken off – say goodbye to favorable circumstances and cultural affirmation
- Lay down in the water – get comfortable with being uncomfortable
- Reach and pull – your faith was made for this moment

What I will start doing in the strength of God:

What I will stop doing in the strength of God:

- Don't forget to breathe – lift your head and receive God's grace again

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you most from the message?
2. So what are your big takeaways from our journey in James? What are some verses you want to remember? Some lessons you feel you have learned? Some decisions you have made?
3. In your own words, explain what it means to have a “deep end faith” as we have talked about in James.
4. Can you relate to what it's like to live for Jesus apart from favorable circumstances and/or cultural affirmation? How so?
5. What are some ways you can begin to reach and pull in the deep end? What is something you want to commit to start doing? Something you want to commit to stop doing?
6. We have seen in James that the Lord is full of compassion and mercy. What have you appreciated about the grace and mercy of God lately?
7. What are some ways you can more intentionally help one another in your pursuit of Jesus together?
8. Spend some time praying for each other as you aim to live out a “deep end faith.”

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION

Download the Scripture Memory Fellowship App and use it as a tool for memorizing Scripture.

Continue to make a habit of kneeling in prayer, like James
Get to know James – <https://mwerickson.com/2019/08/29/old-camel-knees-a-brief-reflection-on-the-remarkable-prayer-life-of-james-the-just/>

Get to know James more –
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cAXW3AhxxVo>

A good overview of James -
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qn-hLHWwRYY>

Listen to “Firm Foundation” -
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x9ndiDO_qNk

Read *Warriors of the Word* by Aaron & Emily House of Piercing Word.