



Sunday, July 7, 2019  
“Keep it Moving”  
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Ezekiel 47:1-9 NKJV

1 Then he brought me back to the door of the temple; and there was water, flowing from under the threshold of the temple toward the east, for the front of the temple faced east; the water was flowing from under the right side of the temple, south of the altar.





2 He brought me out by way of the north gate and led me around on the outside to the outer gateway that faces east; and there was water, running out on the right side.

Ezekiel 47:1-9 NKJV



**3 And when the man went out to  
the east with the line in his hand, he  
measured one thousand cubits, and  
he brought me through the waters;  
the water came up to my ankles.**

Ezekiel 47:1-9 NKJV



4 Again he measured one thousand  
and brought me through the waters;  
**the water came up to my knees.**

Again, he measured one thousand  
and brought me through; **the water**  
**came up to my waist.**

Ezekiel 47:1-9 NKJV



**5** Again he measured one thousand,  
and **it was a river** that I could not  
cross; **for the water was too deep,**  
**water in which one must swim,** a  
river that could not be crossed.

Ezekiel 47:1-9 NKJV



- 6 He said to me, “Son of man, have you seen this?” Then he brought me and returned me to the bank of the river.
- 7 When I returned, there, along the bank of the river, were very many trees on one side and the other.

Ezekiel 47:1-9 NKJV



8 Then he said to me: ‘This water flows toward the eastern region, goes down down into the valley, and enters the sea. When it reaches the sea, its waters are healed.

Ezekiel 47:1-9 NKJV

**9** And it shall be that every living thing that moves, wherever the rivers go, will live. There will be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters go there; for they will be healed, and everything will live wherever the river goes.



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John 7:38-39 NLT

38 Anyone who believes in me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, ‘**Rivers of living water will flow from his heart.**’<sup>39</sup> (When he said, ‘living water,’ he was speaking of the Spirit, who would be given to everyone believing in him.) But the Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus had not yet entered into his glory.)

## **ANKLE DEEP**

- Beginning of my journey to maturity
- No understanding of the word or why I'm going through
- My confidence and trust are in myself; My agenda is priority.
- Bound by my emotions and feelings and what I see
- Life is consumed with worrying, doubt and fear.
- When I get hit by a trial, storm or test, I respond in my flesh.
- Still in control - complain - language is filthy and negative



## **KNEE DEEP**

- Gets excited about the Word; shouts and rejoices
- One minute they trust; the next they doubt.
- Their stability is in their ability.
- They move based on what they can see and understand.
- Their commitment is based on convenience and the weather.
- Comfort zone believers
- Still in control - complain - language filthy and negative



## **WAIST DEEP**

- Hear the word and understand it; but I choose not to come under it.
- The influence of the world is still guiding me.
- I talk scripture. I share truth. I agree with the word, but I don't apply it.
- I am involved in ministry, but I'm also involved in the world.
- Half-way saint (half-way gives, trusts, forgives, serves, worships)
- Entertain pride because you think you are better than the “knee” and “ankle”
- Still in control - complain - language filthy and clean negative and positive)



## THE RIVER (MATURITY).

Lose control and trust the water

Go all in - complete surrender - ultimate sacrifice – costs you everything

Give over your control and move with the current  
No complaining - No harboring bitterness, hatred or ill feelings  
Water gets in my mouth so no filthy language; no negative talk  
Endure being uncomfortable, hurt, challenged, hit, attacked  
Everything you do is from that place; the place of maturity.  
You are able to teach others how to swim – Discipleship.

There is no going back.

You bring life to whatever you do.

You continue to grow in maturity.



## **“Keep it Moving” SUMMARY**

The ministry of the Holy Spirit is to bring life to me and to get His life through me.

Instead of standing in a puddle, start swimming in the river.

The enemy to maturity is to stop moving.

Obedience to the Word is not an isolated act, it is a movement towards the finish.

By now, I should be living in maturity.  
Frustration sets in when where you are is smaller than who you are.

Maturity begins at the place of total surrender.  
In the river, there is no going back.

