

Diving into the Deep End

深進神愛裡

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How much you love God?

How much you offer to Him (money, time, talents...)?

How much you sacrifice for Him?

How much you trust and obey Him in adversity?

How much you worship Him devotedly (like David)?

How much you serve in Church?

How much you love your brothers & sister?

How much you share gospel with others?

How much God Loves You?

- **In the Creation of the world**

- Adam and Eve were made in the 6th Day
- We are all made in His Image and likeness

- **Only man received this breath of life (living being like the living God)**

- God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and the man became a living being (Gen 2:7)

將生命之氣吹進他的鼻孔, 這人就成為了有靈的活人

How much God Loves You?

- **God declares His Love to you and me**

- In Jer 31: 3 Lord says “I have loved you with an everlasting love, therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you”

我以永遠的愛愛你，因此，我以慈愛吸引你

- **God sent His only son to die for you and me**

- Rom 5:8 “but God demonstrate his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

惟有基督在我們還作罪人的時候為我們死，神的愛就在此向我們顯明了。；

God desires an intimate relation with you and me

- My mum's story or maybe every Chinese mum's story.



Get Close to God

- God put the most precious gifts deep in the treasure cave.
- A huge jackpot. Deep inside there.
- Most often, we just “facetime” love with Him
- It’s a **disrespect / disregard / dishonor to our loving Father God if we ignore His invitation and His desire for us.**

Get Close to God

- We need to see what Paul saw.....
- May the Holy Spirit review to us what He reviewed to Paul.

(Philippians 3:8)

I consider everything a loss compared to the **surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus** my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ.

我也將萬事當作有損的，因我以認識我主基督耶穌為至寶。我為他已經丟棄萬事，看作糞土，為要得著基督

What God has prepared for us?

- **Everlasting inheritance (1 Peter 1:4)**

An inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade, kept in heaven for you.

可以得著不能朽壞、不能玷污、不能衰殘、為你們存留在天上的基業。

- **Crown of Life (James 1:12)**

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love Him.

忍受試探的人是有福的，因為他經過試驗以後，必得生命的冠冕；這是主應許給那些愛他之人的。

What God has prepared for us?

- **Something Better (Hebrews 11:40)**

God had planned something better for us....

因為神給我們預備了更美的事。

What is it?

No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him. (1Cor. 2:9)

神為愛他的人所預備的，是眼睛未曾看見，耳朵未曾聽見，人心也未曾想到的

How to Dive Deep?

1. SUBMIT (降服基督)

- Bumpy journey ahead. Trials, hardship, afflictions, health issues, loss....
- No grumbling in adversity.
- Choose to stand firm in God's promise

Jer 29:11

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future”

耶和華說：我知道我向你們所懷的意念是賜平安的意念，不是降災禍的意念，要叫你們末後有指望。

How to Dive Deep?

2. SERVE (投入事奉)

➤ Love God =

1. Feed my lambs;
2. Take care of my sheep;
3. Feed my sheep (John 21:15-17)

➤ Experience God's love, grace, mercy and power

2Cor 4:7

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

我們有這寶貝放在瓦器裏，要顯明這莫大的能力是出於神，不是出於我們。

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3. SIGHT (啟示, 屬靈看見)

- Enoch gave birth to Methuselah when 65 years old
- Methuselah (a combination of 2 Hebrew words meaning; death + to send), lived for 969 years, then the flood came.
- Enoch must be a person who knew God, feared God, got revelation from God that He named his son Methuselah
- Enoch stood firm on his faith, chose to follow God year after year..... 300 years!
- God was so pleased with Enoch. God took him away.

**True love..... isn't just about the moment
of vow**

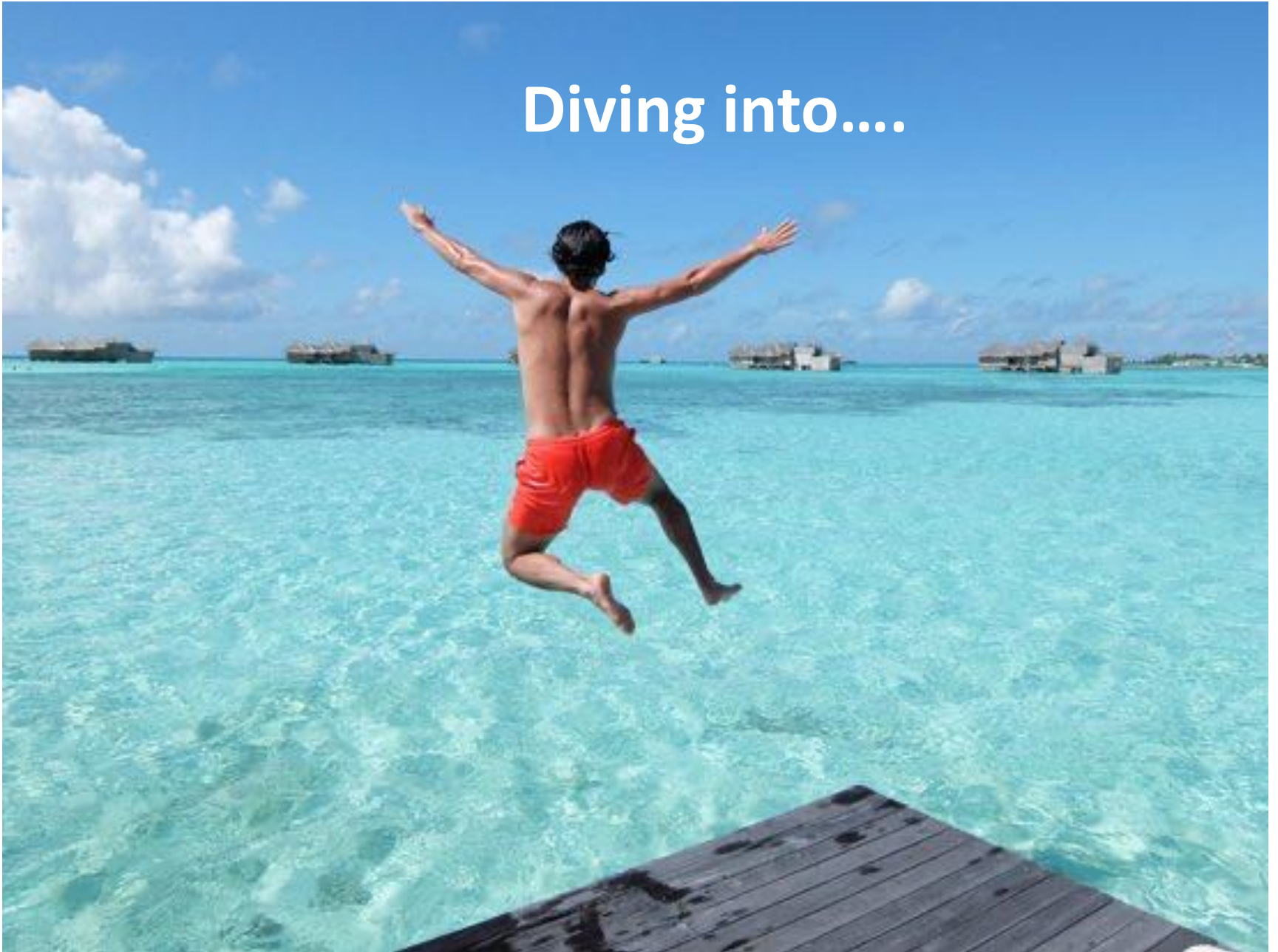


**It is about how you
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throughout your
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