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Jumping in the Deep End

by Pastor Tim Dilena, *Senior Pastor*

I want to share with you a letter I received from Gary Wilkerson, David Wilkerson's son, along with a handwritten sermon from David Wilkerson, Times Square Church founder, that hangs on my office wall.

Dear Tim and Cindy and the TSC Family,

"History is filled with stories of those who lost the world but found a Savior"—David Wilkerson

History will one day tell of the billion souls you and TSC lead to the Savior. Our shared history begins with fathers and family who believed God for the impossible, who dared to risk what is more than most and as a result saw the amazing power of God.

Psalm 107 says, "They that go down to the seas in ships and do business in great waters, these see the works of the Lord and His wonders in the deep."

You haven't allowed yourself to stay comfortable in the shallows. You have launched into the great waters, the deep, and it is there you will see the works and the wonders of the Lord. Those in the shallows never come near to it.

It is hard. It takes everything. Sometimes it's overwhelming and sometimes you will want to go back to the safe shores. But you will not turn back. You will venture into the deep, seeing even more wonders. Once you have seen what God does in the deep, nothing else will ever be acceptable.

Go deep. Go far. Go to all that God has called you to. Our fathers started a legacy that we are building upon in our ever-increasing fashion.

With You in Christ,
Gary Wilkerson

THE CALL TO THE DEEP

Psalms 107:23–24 (NASB) "Those who go down to the sea in ships, who do business on great waters; they have seen the works of the LORD, and His wonders in the deep."

The prerequisite for swimming with our kids

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was teaching them to jump into the deep end—into our arms. I remember at a hotel pool, one of our girls would jump without abandon. When I asked her why she jumped so fearlessly, she said, "I knew you'd always catch me."

Today, I'm asking you to jump into the deep end. Here's the promise you're going to see in the scriptures: He will catch you.

Those who wade close to the shore seem to think their biggest sacrifice is getting to church on Sunday. That's not the deep.

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THE DOCK AND THE DEEP

"And He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little way from the land. And He sat down and began teaching the people from the boat. When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.'" (Luke 5:3–4, NASB)

Peter receives two challenges from Jesus:
"Put out a little way from the land" (the dock)
"Put out into the deep" (the deep)

Many do the first launch from the dock. The numbers dwindle when asked to go to the deep.

Staying close to the shore keeps us in earshot of people's voices—that's the problem today with leaders and members. We're too close to the shore and hear the people that discourage us.

When you move into the deep, you get storms, you get Jesus, and you get one billion souls.

Let me show you in Psalm 107 what comes with the deep:

"And His wonders in the deep. For He spoke and raised up a stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea. They rose up to the heavens, they went down to the depths; their soul melted away in their misery. They reeled and staggered like a drunken man, and were at their wits' end. Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and He brought them out of their distresses. He caused the storm to be still, so that the waves of the sea were hushed. Then they were glad because they were quiet, so He guided them to their desired haven. Let them give thanks to the Lord for His lovingkindness, and for His wonders to the sons of men!" (Psalms 107:24–31, NASB)

They are in the deep.
They see miracles.
They are in a storm.
They are at wits' end.
They cried to the Lord.
They saw God calm the storm.
They made it to their destination.
They praised God.

Christianity says, “God, you’re in charge—tell me where you want me to go.” And that’s why God has placed something in our care here at this church. As I prayed, I sensed the Lord leading us into new territory. During that time, I kept thinking about—and praying through—three unique distinctions of Times Square Church that God has entrusted to us.

1. Its Legacy
David Wilkerson and Carter Conlon sacrificed everything to build this church. You're sitting in a seat today because of their sacrifice.

2. Its Location
An alive church in an iconic building—right in the crossroads of the world where nations converge.

3. Its Reach
No other place has a real-time voice to the world like Times Square Church.

We must be stewards of what God has entrusted to us and what these men sacrificed for. David Wilkerson and Carter Conlon lived their lives in the deep end. We are called to continually go to the deep.

There are always voices on land trying to call us back.

I've heard people say: "That's just Times Square Church," "They're so super spiritual," "They don't want to do anything with other churches."

That is not true. I just don't want to hang out with land people.

We have been called to go to the deep end globally. It's not about just doing things in a building—we are fighting for 1 billion souls.

Every time we have moved forward, we have seen God increase our resources. In 2025

Night of Worship—London & Grenada
We rented a room for 500 people in London. 1,600 showed up—we had to do three services! In Grenada, almost 1,000 people came for a night of worship.

Rebuilding in Israel
After the October 7th terrorist attacks destroyed a clinic serving three kibbutzim, we said yes to rebuilding it. It will be completed in the next few months. Cost: $125,000.

Language Channels Expanded to 13
In 2025 we added Italian, Korean, German, and Hebrew. We will be adding Japanese, Persian, and Iindonesian in 2026.

Prison Broadcast Launched
We now reach 500,000 inmates through the Pando app.

- 136,782 views
- 173 salvations
- 7,800 subscribers

A few years ago, I went to the home of Johann Sebastian Bach in Eisenach, Germany. When I saw his actual sheet music, there were two very important sets of initials on all of Bach's works:

J.S.B. — Johann Sebastian Bach

S.D.G. — "Soli Deo Gloria" — "To the only God be glory"

This was Bach's motto. He would sign all his works—whether sacred like "The St. Matthew Passion" or secular like the "Coffee Cantata"—with these letters: S.D.G. All works, he maintained, should be to the glory of God.

We say SDG to all that has happened. So many of you have gone into deep waters with us. You

dug deep into your pockets. Thank you.

A BIG SDG MOMENT

"So Moses gave the command, and this message was sent throughout the camp: 'Men and women, don't prepare any more gifts for the sanctuary. We have enough!' So the people stopped bringing their sacred offerings. Their contributions were more than enough to complete the whole project." (Exodus 36:6–7, NLT)

I get to tell you to STOP GIVING for the:

Fire Alarm System
God provided all the money! ($600,000)

LED Walls
God has provided all the money for that!

When you go into the deep, you see His wonders!

THREE LESSONS ABOUT THE DEEP WATERS

1. Deep waters have intense doubts
God spoke to me during COVID: "While churches are trying to open up their front doors, God will open up every door around the world to Times Square Church."

We gutted this entire stage during the pandemic to install technology to reach the world. Thirty days before we were scheduled to open, there was nothing on this stage—just a floor, a screen, and a brick wall. All our equipment was stuck at sea. I was at wits' end.

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But God came through. Somehow, our equipment arrived when nothing else was getting delivered in the United States .

TSC is now being accessed in 214 distinct nations, territories, and regions.

2. Deep waters will have fierce battles
We have faced sickness and surgeries, marriages under assault, fire alarm system crisis, threats, and attacks for taking biblical stands.

"I believe that the attacks on your life have much more to do with who you might be in the future than who you have been in the past." — Lisa Bevere

It costs us to stand for biblical principles. We will not budge to threats, protests, or popular opinion. I want us to be so far out in the deep that those voices from land mean nothing to us.

"I fear much for many professing Christians. I see no sign of fighting in them, much less of victory. They never strike one stroke on the side of Christ. They are at peace with His enemies. They have no quarrel with sin. I warn you, this is not Christianity. This is not the way to heaven. The first thing I have to say is this: True Christianity is a fight." — J.C. Ryle

"If you haven't met Satan recently, you are probably going his way!" — C.S. Lewis

3. Deep waters will see phenomenal miracles
When you go into the deep, you will see wonders beyond what you can imagine.

GOD IS ABLE

"Can you fathom the mysteries of God? Can you probe the limits of the Almighty? They are higher than the heavens above—what can you do? They are deeper than the depths below—what can you know? Their measure is longer than the earth and wider than the sea." (Job 11:7–9, NIV)

God is deeper than the deepest parts—which means He is undergirding us. We won't sink.

There are no limits to His power.

He is able...
To save to the uttermost. (Heb. 7:25)
To keep us. (2 Tim. 1:12)
To help the tempted. (Heb. 2:18)
To keep us from falling. (Jude 24)
To subdue all things. (Phil. 3:20–21)
To make all grace abound. (2 Co. 9:8)
To do what I can't imagine. (Eph. 3:20)

This prayer from Sir Francis Drake, explorer and naval pioneer during the Elizabethan era, has challenged my heart:

"Disturb us, Lord, when we are too well pleased with ourselves, when our dreams have come true because we have dreamed too little, when we arrive safely because we have sailed too close to the shore.

Disturb us, Lord, when with the abundance of things we possess, we have lost our thirst for the waters of life; having fallen in love with life, we have ceased to dream of eternity; and in our efforts to build a new Earth, we have allowed our vision of the new heaven to dim.

> **I want us to be so far out in the deep that those voices from land mean nothing to us.**

Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly, to venture on wider seas where storms will show your mastery; where losing sight of land, we shall find the stars. We ask you to push back the horizons of our hopes; and to push into the future in strength, courage, hope, and love."

In his book Giving It All Away, David Green illustrates the goal of life for believers:

"Some people act like life is an oversized game of Monopoly, where the way to win is to accumulate as many properties as you can. You keep adding houses and hotels, extracting rent from others, until you drive them into bankruptcy.

No, life is more like UNO, where the point is to run out of cards first. You want to deploy every card you have, knowing that each card left in your hand at the end counts against you. Don't get stuck at the time of your funeral with leftover cards!"

Stop playing Monopoly. Start playing UNO. ▣

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THE PROJECTS

Language Channels ($500,000)
Grow channels from 13–16 by adding Indonesian, Japanese, and Persian. These 16 channels represent close to 6 billion people on earth!

Summit School of Ministry ($500K)
To change the next generation. 70% of our students come from around the world and return to their countries with the gospel.

Israel (Aliyah) ($100K)
Supporting the immigration of Jews from around the world back to their homeland, including 5,000 Jews from India

Building a Nigerian Orphanage With World Challenge ($100,000)
In one of the top 10 most persecuted countries for Christians

Most Persecuted Nations ($100,000)
Working in 10 of the 12 most persecuted nations: North Korea, Somalia, Yemen, Sudan, Eritrea, Syria, Nigeria, Pakistan, Libya, Iran, Afghanistan, India

Puerto Rico ChildCry & Night Of Worship ($100,000)
Opening a new ChildCry location and honoring Nicky Cruz in his home country

Ivy League Schools & College Holy Spirit Nights ($75,000)
Confirmed for UPenn and Cornell this year for a night of prayer

Deaf Outreach ($50,000)
The most unreached people group in America

Chapter By Chapter In Hebrew and Arabic ($50,000)
After Spanish launch, taking the gospel strand from Genesis to Revelation in Hebrew and Arabic

Prison Broadcast ($25,000)
Reaching 500,000 inmates

2026 HIGHLIGHTS

Noon Prayer Meeting
12–1 PM Every Wednesday
Launched in February, believing for revival in New York City

TSC Live Worship Album
Recording an album of original songs written by our musicians and singers

Chapter By Chapter Launched in January
1,189 podcasts in almost four years

One Billion Starts With One Book Released in February
Equipping you to win people for Christ wherever you are

Sermon Series on The Character of God
20 weeks on the love, justice, faithfulness, mercy, and compassion of God

Ministry 1912 Video Prayers For Healing
"God was performing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, so that handkerchiefs or aprons were even carried from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out." (Acts 19:11–12, NASB)

We're launching a ministry where we video record prayers for the sick and send them to people who cannot get to Times Square Church. We get the name, the illness, pray for one minute, and email or text the video to them.

THE CHALLENGE

"Those who go down to the sea in ships, who do business on great waters; they have seen the works of the LORD, and His wonders in the deep" (Psalms 107:23–24, NASB).

This is the challenge to every one of us. Some have left the shore for the shallows. But now it's a challenge to go from the shallows into the deep.

This is way more than $1.6 million in offerings. This is way bigger than that.

It's not about money. It is literally calling you to the deep parts. It's a challenge from God.

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God Met Me in the Middle of the Storm

Anitasia's Story

There was a point in my life when I felt like I was in the middle of a storm I couldn't escape. Everything felt heavy. I was dealing with fear, uncertainty, and pressure all at once. I didn't have clear answers, and I didn't know how things would turn out.

What I learned in that season is something I'll never forget: God met me right where I was.

The storm didn't disappear overnight. My circumstances didn't instantly change. But in the middle of it all, God gave me peace that didn't make sense and strength I didn't think I had. When I felt weak, He carried me. When fear tried to take over, His presence reminded me that I wasn't alone.

That season changed me. I learned that faith isn't about having everything figured out—it's about trusting God even when you don't. I learned that God doesn't wait for the storm to end before He shows up. He steps right into it with us.

If you're reading this and you're walking through a storm of your own, I want you to know this: God sees you. He is with you. And even if the situation doesn't change immediately, He will give you what you need to keep moving forward.

"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you." — Isaiah 43:2

Sunday, April 5

10AM & 1PM ET

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