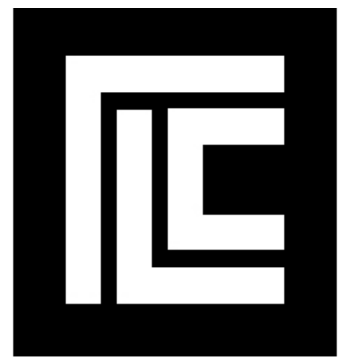


Deeper: Change for the frustrated, exhausted, and those on the brink

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Revelation 3:17 (Chapter 2 of *Deeper*)



Without a healthy understanding of our desperate need for a savior, our growth in Christ will be limited. The more we minimize the evil and brokenness within, the more we minimize how deeply we can grow. With that said, despair is not a destination; it is a doorway through which we enter into the joy and hope of Christ. We shouldn't live there, but we do have to pass through it.

Getting Started

On Sunday Toran began his message with a hard story of recognizing his limitations and the joy of Christ that awaited on the other side. Have you had an experience like this? Are you walking through one right now?

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Digging Deeper

- If we don't take our sin seriously and honestly we will never be able to bridge the gap between who we are and who Jesus has made us to be. How does this message from Sunday resonate with you? In what way is this challenging for you?
- How many times in a day do you recognize your need for Jesus? How can moments that maybe lead to shame or frustration become a moment to connect with Jesus and recognize your need for him?
- On Sunday we took a moment in the service to break a tile—this represented our need to recognize that we are broken, we are in despair, and in need of Jesus. How did this moment impact you? What was going through your heart and mind before and after Sunday morning?
- Jesus doesn't ask us to be enough; he asks us to be empty; to take the journey down to self-despair and leave behind the facile optimism that we so easily find ourselves believing. Have you taken this journey down? What has that been like? If not, why?



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