



deep: MORE OF GOD, DEEPER INTO ME

## Deep Thoughts for Daily Life

COLOSSIANS 3:17-4:6

Week 4 of 4

Show a deep thought or two // PRAY

### REVIEW:

- ▶ The human soul is deep enough to be filled with God who wants to fill us!
- ▶ Our earthly efforts at manufacturing spiritual depth won't work.
- ▶ Those "in Christ" are already deeply in God but must actively live it out.

*You are capable of greater spiritual depth than you know, and through Christ, it **already** is your **reality**, so walk in it.*

**IN CHRIST, YOU ARE CAPABLE**

**TR: iceberg -> below the surface determines what rises above the surface.  
WHAT'S VISIBLE HELPS TO DETERMINE WHAT'S INVISIBLE.**

### YOU KNOW YOU'RE DEEP IF...

... IF YOU CAN **imitate** JESUS WHEREVER YOU ARE.

Colossians 3:17-4:1 (p. 818)

**Our biggest problem is our own blindness from cultural norms and personal experience.**

**Perhaps when you read these words, you think of this... HONEYMOONER'S CLIP**

Three Options for Understanding

OPTION #1: Paul is being **cultural**.

**In fact, he's being counter-cultural.**

OPTION #2: Paul is a **chauvinist**.

**What do you do with the phrase, "In the Lord"? // both a reason, and an escape hatch.**

OPTION #3: Paul supports an intrinsic **harmony** of authority.

**CHRIST LIVED OUT BOTH HALVES OF THIS HARMONY.**

*Those in authority imitate Christ by **loving** those they lead, and those under authority imitate Christ through **willful submission** (in Christ).*

**THIS GOES AGAINST OUR GRAIN // ILL: WHEN I GROW UP (COOKIE DOUGH)**

Where are you?

**CIRCLE: I am a "master," "slave," parent, child, husband, wife.**

God is calling me to...

**THIS IS DEEP STUFF // WHAT IF MY HUSBAND, BOSS, FATHER WON'T...?  
WISELY EXERCISE THE AUTHORITY YOU DO HAVE**

**TR: (DEEP THOUGHT ?) Now, the rest is easier to deal with, but no less important**

... IF YOU CAN **pray** WITH THANKFULNESS FOR GOD'S WORK.  
Colossians 4:2-4

**OPEN A DOOR**

**FOR WHICH I'M IN CHAINS**

... IF YOU CAN MAKE THE **most** OF EVERY OPPORTUNITY.  
Colossians 4:5-6

### SO WHAT?

Live **deeply** in Christ, **imitate** him, **seek** his work, and **seize** the moments he brings.

**MAKE THE MOST OF THIS MOMENT!**