

Back to the Surface

2021 One Word Series - Deeper: Part 1

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Ephesians 3:17-19 (NIV) *...I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,¹⁸ may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge--that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.*

1 Corinthians 2:6-7 (MSG) *We have plenty of wisdom to pass on to you once you get your feet on firm spiritual ground, but it's not popular wisdom, the fashionable wisdom of high-priced experts that will be out-of-date in a year or so.⁷ God's wisdom is something mysterious that goes deep into the interior of his purposes. You don't find it lying around on the surface. It's not the latest message, but more like the oldest—what God determined as the way to bring out his best in us, long before we ever arrived on the scene.*

I. Start digging.

II. An historical conversation. (Acts 17:16-34)

I challenge you to think about, answer and even talk with someone about these questions:

1. How and when did you begin your faith journey?
2. Has your faith gone deep enough to hold up to what life is throwing at you now or may throw at you in the future?