

NOW PRAYING

2018 FALL SERMON SERIES

**HOW MOVIES SHOW
OUR DEEPEST LONGINGS**



***“We were created with the urge
to contemplate, to shut out the
realities of the moment - as
pressing as they may feel - and
attend to something larger.”***

Josh Larsen, *Movies are Prayers*

¹⁶ But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

Luke 5



A man with dark hair, wearing a brown and white patterned sweater, is crawling on a sandy beach. He has a distressed expression. In the background, there is a body of water and a dark, forested hill. A yellow inflatable raft lies on the sand behind him.

a prayer of contemplation

Cast Away
Twentieth Century Fox, 2000



“We live and we die by time, and we must not commit the sin of turning our back on time.”

solitude



A man with dark hair and a beard, wearing a white t-shirt and a brown scarf, stands in the ocean. He is holding a long, dark pole in his right hand and a red bag in his left. The background features a rocky coastline under a blue sky with white clouds.

solitude

struggle

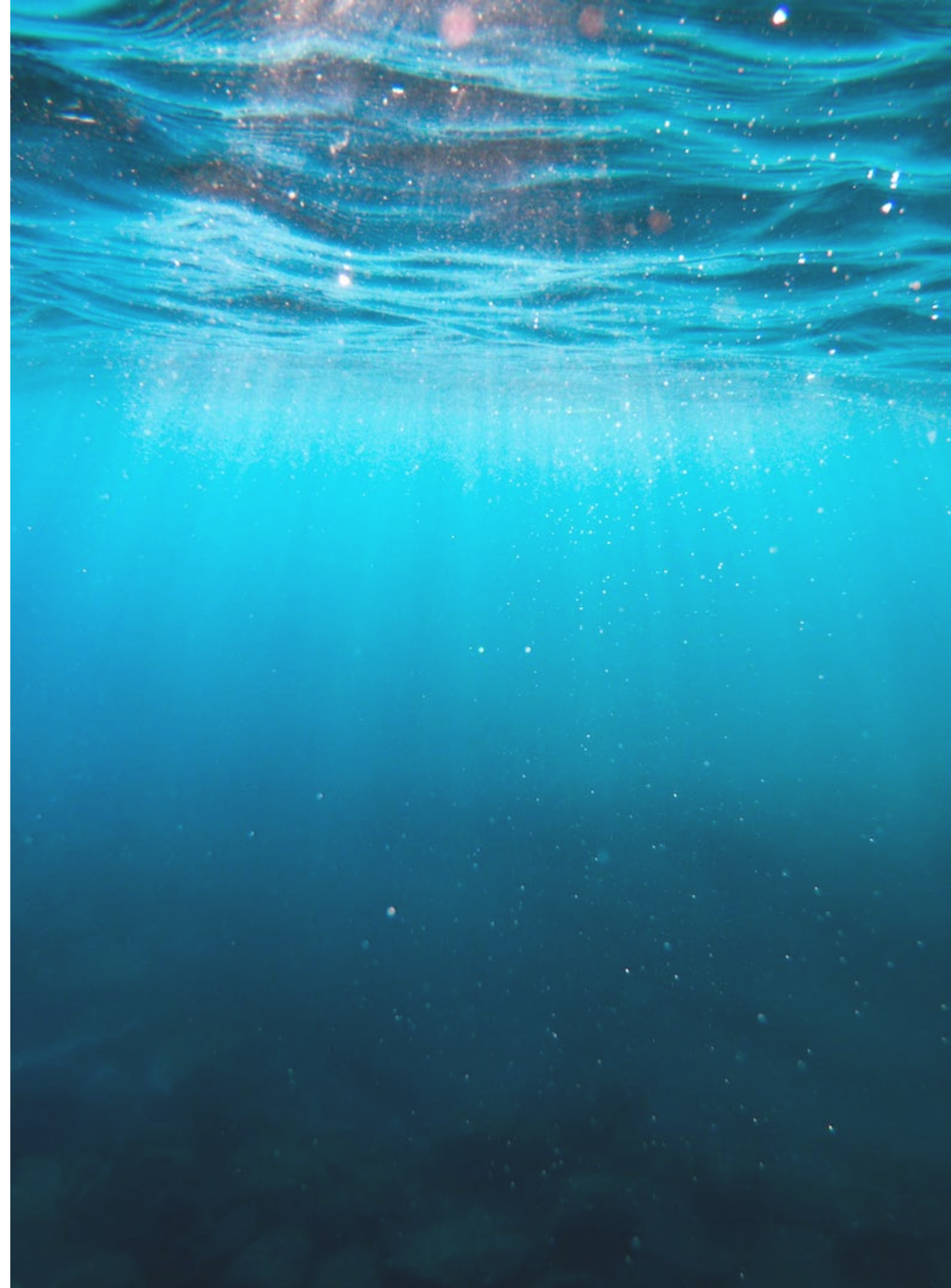


³ *You hurled me into the depths,
into the very heart of the seas,
and the currents swirled about me;
all your waves and breakers
swept over me.*

⁴ *I said, 'I have been banished
from your sight;
yet I will look again
toward your holy temple.'*

*⁵ The engulfing waters threatened me,
the deep surrounded me;
seaweed was wrapped around my head.
⁶ To the roots of the mountains I sank down;
the earth beneath barred me in forever.
But you, Lord my God,
brought my life up from the pit.
⁷ “When my life was ebbing away,
I remembered you, Lord,
and my prayer rose to you,
to your holy temple.*

Jonah 2



A man with dark hair and a beard stands in the ocean, holding a long wooden pole. He is wearing a white t-shirt, dark pants, and a brown scarf. A red bag is slung over his shoulder. The background features a rocky coastline under a blue sky with white clouds.

solitude

struggle

surrender

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?”

Matthew 6





²⁸ “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?

Matthew 6

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serenity

