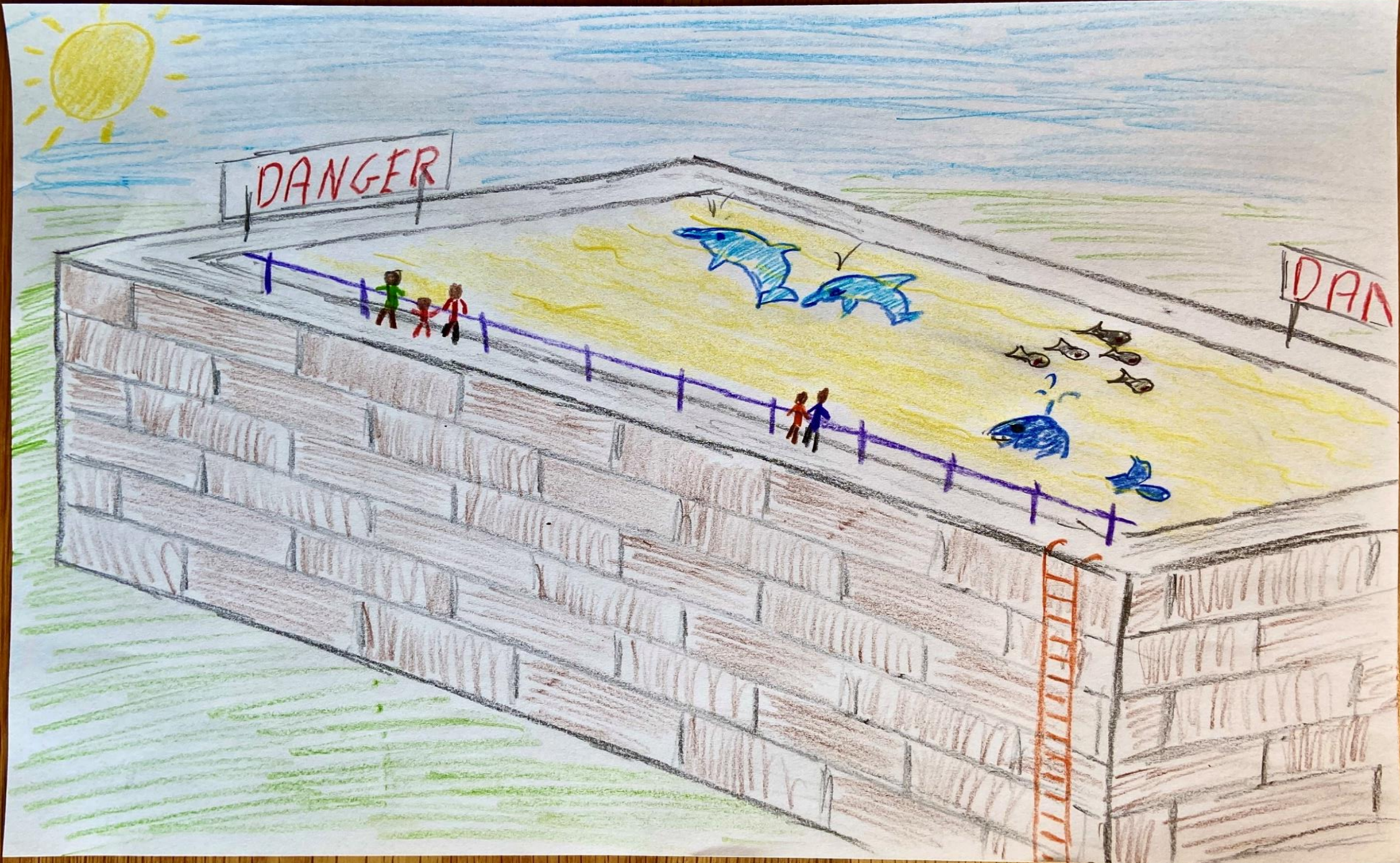




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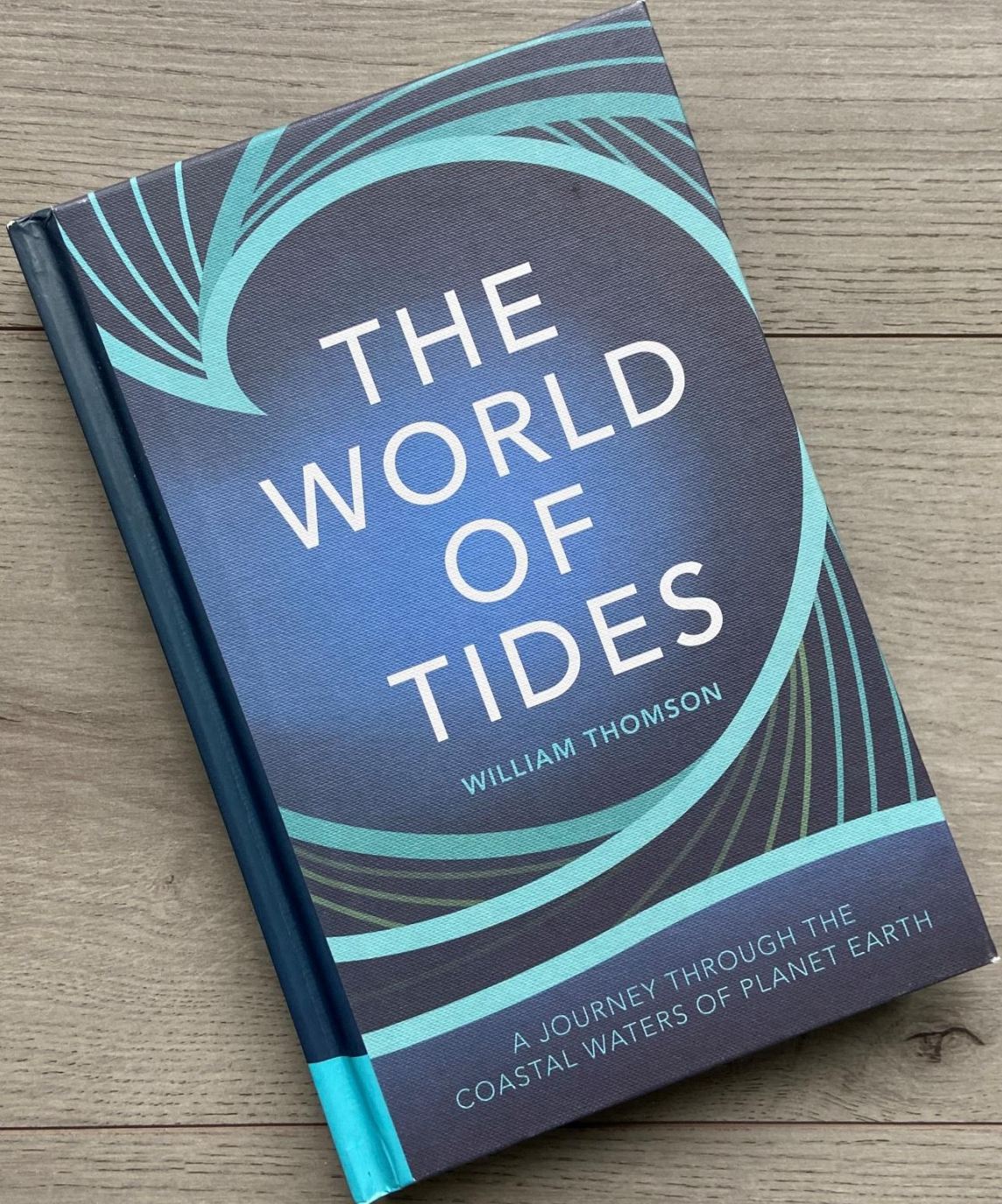
Luke 5, 1-11



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THE WORLD OF TIDES

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A JOURNEY THROUGH THE
COASTAL WATERS OF PLANET EARTH



Sea of Galilee (Gennesaret)

The First Disciples - Luke 5

One day as Jesus was preaching on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, great crowds pressed in on him to listen to the word of God. He noticed two empty boats at the water's edge, for the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. Stepping into one of the boats, Jesus asked Simon, its owner, to push it out into the water. So he sat in the boat and taught the crowds from there.

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish."

"Master," Simon replied, "we worked hard all last night and didn't catch a thing. But if you say so, I'll let the nets down again." And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear! A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking.

When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, "Oh, Lord, please leave me—I'm such a sinful man." For he was awestruck by the number of fish they had caught, as were the others with him. His partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also amazed.

Jesus replied to Simon, "Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for people!"

Peter's response to Jesus' invitation

- *Hesitates*
- *Realises this is a lot of effort*
- *“Because you say so”*



Our response to Jesus' invitation?

- *OK to hesitate*
- *OK to think "this will take effort"*
- *But then, do it ... "Because you say so"*



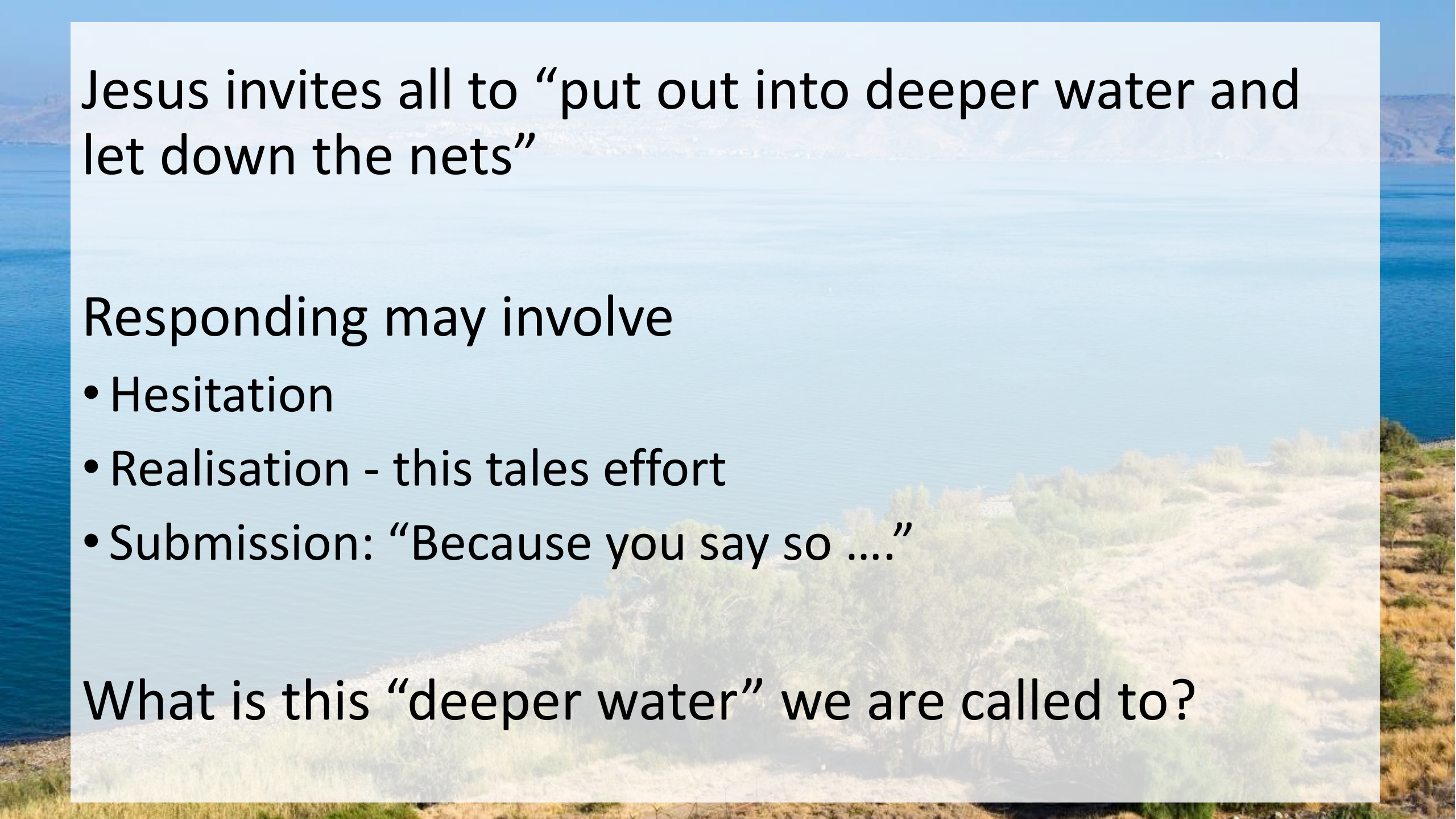






“... because you say so”





Jesus invites all to “put out into deeper water and let down the nets”

Responding may involve

- Hesitation
- Realisation - this takes effort
- Submission: “Because you say so”

What is this “deeper water” we are called to?



What does deeper water mean?

1

A richer
relationship

“you will seek me and find
me when you see me with
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What does deeper water mean?

2

Getting
baptised

“Don't think where I am
now is all there is!”



What does deeper water mean?

3

A first step
of faith

"Faith is taking the first step
even when you don't see
the whole staircase."

Martin Luther King, Jr



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