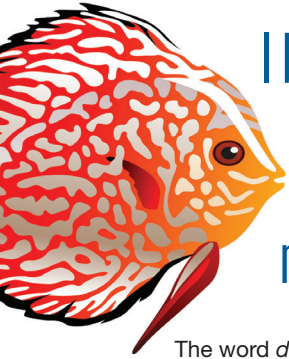


Jump Into the Deep

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Kellie's Corner

Happy New Year, Superkid!



I believe 2023 is going to be very different.
I don't know what life will be like for
everyone, but it can be different for you and
me if we decide we are going to be different.

The word *different* means “not alike, ordinary or usual.” What kind of different will we be? Here are a few kinds:

Different than we have been. Different than the world. Different than others (unique). Different from what we look like on the outside. Different than yesterday. Different than others expect us to be. Or what about being different in ways we can't even imagine?

Let's call it a year of exploration: looking for new and exciting worlds and wonders. I'm talking about entering new realms and seeing things the Bible talks about happening, now. Like the glory of God filling up a room and miraculous things happen! A realm is a kingdom or domain where anything prevails or takes charge. We really belong to the kingdom of heaven. As we begin to walk in greater faith and glory, Jesus will take us into the deep things of God!

Superkid, this isn't just for grown-ups. If the miraculous is for anyone, it is for you! Read what Jesus said to His disciples in Matthew 18:1-4, *The Passion Translation*:

“Who is considered to be the greatest in heaven's kingdom realm?... Learn this well: Unless you dramatically change your way of thinking and become teachable like a little child, you will never be able to enter in. Whoever continually humbles himself to become like this

little child is the greatest one in heaven's kingdom realm.”

Superkid, you don't have to change your thinking to be like an adult. They must change (be different) to be like YOU to “enter in” and be great in the kingdom of heaven!

I remember a sudden “entering in” at the swimming pool when I was a kid. Standing on the diving board, I was afraid to jump. I wasn't on the high dive, but it sure felt like it to this 6-year-old! My swim teacher stood on the side of the pool encouraging me and saying, “Kellie! You'll be fine! You can do it!” I stood there, not ready for the diving board or the deep end of the pool. I looked to find my swim teacher, but she wasn't there. Suddenly she was behind me, pushing me in! The next thing I knew, I had “entered” the deep end! Afterward, I realized I had nothing to be afraid of, the jump and the water were fun!

Superkid, the Lord wants us to jump into life with Him, like my teacher wanted me to jump in the water. He's not

on the sidelines but He's right there—leading, teaching and encouraging us to follow. Jesus isn't just shoving us in, He is preparing us to flourish in this adventurous life.

As Jesus fills us with new thoughts, courage and adventures, we should keep the picture of the diving board in mind. As the disciples followed Jesus, healing, power, signs and wonders followed THEM everywhere they went. What about you, Superkid? Will you jump in with me? Can we explore new thoughts and the reality of being true children of the Most High God? Are we willing to go beyond our past ideas of what it means to be a Superkid and jump into 2023 ready to be a super-natural kid?

Yes?

Well, hold your nose and jump in! The Kingdom is ready for a bold explorer like you! We are going to discover just how different we can be.

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