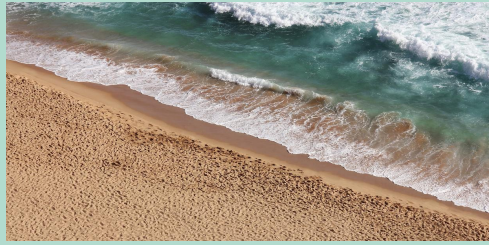


# The Heartbeat



## UNDERTOW AND UNDER FOOT

ABBEY BALLARD, MINISTRY DIRECTOR

Somedays it is a palpable undertow. The heaviness of the weight of brokenness, dysfunction, sin and heartache can be overwhelming to my human heart as I, and so many others, faithfully serve the community God has called us to. Sometimes those realities are so evident in my own life making it truly supernatural that God can and does bring beauty from ashes, wholeness from brokenness, light from darkness. The human condition reminds me of the danger to a swimmer of an undertow, defined as a current of water below the surface and moving in a different direction from any surface current. There are forces beneath the surface of all of us and I am so grateful that the Creator of the universe, the One Who told the oceans where they would go and where they would not, the Savior Who casts our sins to the bottom of the ocean floor, is the closest Friend Who keeps the undertow of our souls moving in a direction that counters the destructive current of the human condition. For those who have not yet met the One Who is the guardian of our lives, both in this life and the next, the undertow of the soul is constantly drawing them into places of pain, weakness, deceit and heartache. So often we have opportunity to throw the life preserver out to women in crisis, to give them the buoyancy of the knowledge of God and the way to make good, life affirming choices and so often we watch them paddle away from those life preserving lessons into the treachery of choppy waters that we know will pull them under into the blackness of imminent pain and destruction often for themselves and their children. I am so grateful that the God we serve continues to reach out to us and continues to reach out to all of humanity with His life saving grace and redemption. It makes this work we do a work that is Son-powered and sustained by our Lord & Savior. It makes the faithfulness to the calling of this work something that, together, we all pursue and know that He will give us that buoyancy and wind in our sails when the water of life get rough whether from the battles within or without. Please pray that this summer we will be used by God to point lives to His love and His power that promises to put everything evil, everything destructive and the very evil one himself underfoot, under the heel of those who proclaim the supernatural, redemptive power of Christ. To be empowered by the Creator of the universe, the Beginning and the End is a gift like no other and the prayer of my heart is that I, that you, and that everyone we serve will know that limitless power and boundless love. That is the very reason why we exist as a ministry and that is the only way by which lives are saved and radically transformed. May the One Who causes the tide to ebb and flow and the entire Universe to come into being by His will do a beautiful work through us that far surpasses any expectation we could ever have and may He receive honor and glory both now and forevermore.



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