

▼ **Discover The Beach**

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- **Read the Passage: Acts 7:51 - 8:8**

▼ **Purpose of the Sermon (what listeners should do):**

- Understand that God makes waves.
- Understand that “waves” can look unusual.
- Understand how to learn “surfing”.
- Figure out what your “beach” is.
- Follow through.

▼ **Understand that God makes waves.**

▼ Rick Warren: Surf the wave

- We don't make the waves - God does.
- God doesn't surf the waves - we do.

▼ Consider the “back story” to Saul's encounter with Jesus

- Stephen, has been hauled in front of the Sanhedrin and accused by false witnesses of speaking against the temple and the law. - Acts 6:8-15
- Note what happens after he wraps up his defense: Acts 7:51 - 8:8

▼ What was the reaction to Stephens speech?

- Answer: He was killed by the Jews.
- Answer: A wave of persecution broke out against the church.
- Answer: The believers were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria.

▼ What was the reaction to the reaction?

- Answer: The gospel spread to Samaria.
- Do you see the “wave”?

▼ **Understand that “waves” can look unusual.**

- The Honey Pot
- How I connected with a new network.

▼ **Understand how to learn “surfing” (from Michael's sermon last week).**

- 1 Love the beach, want to learn, learn how to swim.
- 2 Get a board, a long board that is soft. For safety. You can move up to a small board later.
- ▼ 3 Practice on dry ground
 - a Paddling out to the waves
 - b Keeping balance
 - c Standing up on board.
- 4 Go to the water, and practice without waves.
- 5 Try with a small wave, know the rules of etiquette.
- 6 Keep practicing and build up your skill and courage.
- 7 Seek out bigger waves, smaller boards and enjoy the ride.
- ▼ **Figure out what your “beach” is.**
 - Last Sunday’s answers were a bit “high” on the ladder of abstraction. This time go “lower”.
 - Look for the connections between your own areas of competence and new networks where you may not be comfortable.
 - Go “lower” and be as specific and concrete as you can! Use my “new network” story as an example.
- ▼ **Follow through.**
 - In golf and boxing “follow through” is important.
 - You have to visualize and plan beyond just saying “Yes Lord”.
- ▼ **Examples:**
 - Ananias went to the house where Saul was staying and called him “brother Saul”.
 - Saul began preaching the Jesus is the Son of God (i.e. the Christ - Psalm 2).
 - Because of a previous prophetic word we had received, when we bought our house Eva and I bought a big refrigerator.
- ▼ **Discussion / Reflection Questions:**
 - What is your “beach”?



Ladder of Abstraction

Taken from "Language In Thought and Action" by S. I. Hayakawa

