

UNDERSTANDING OUR FAITH

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TAKING THE PLUNGE

When the Jewish People stood at the shore of the sea and were commanded to march forward, no one entered until Nachshon son of Aminadav jumped in. (Sotah 37a)

At the splitting of the sea, G-d told the Jewish People to march into the raging waters. Nachshon, a prince from the tribe of Yehuda, jumped first. It was not until the water rose to his nostrils that G-d split the sea.

Just as G-d waited for Nachshon to take the plunge before stepping in with a miracle, so too, G-d asks us to take the first steps toward Redemption. G-d is waiting for each of us to be a Nachshon in our own right, to step unwaveringly toward Moshiach and do whatever we can. Then, He will step in to do the rest.

