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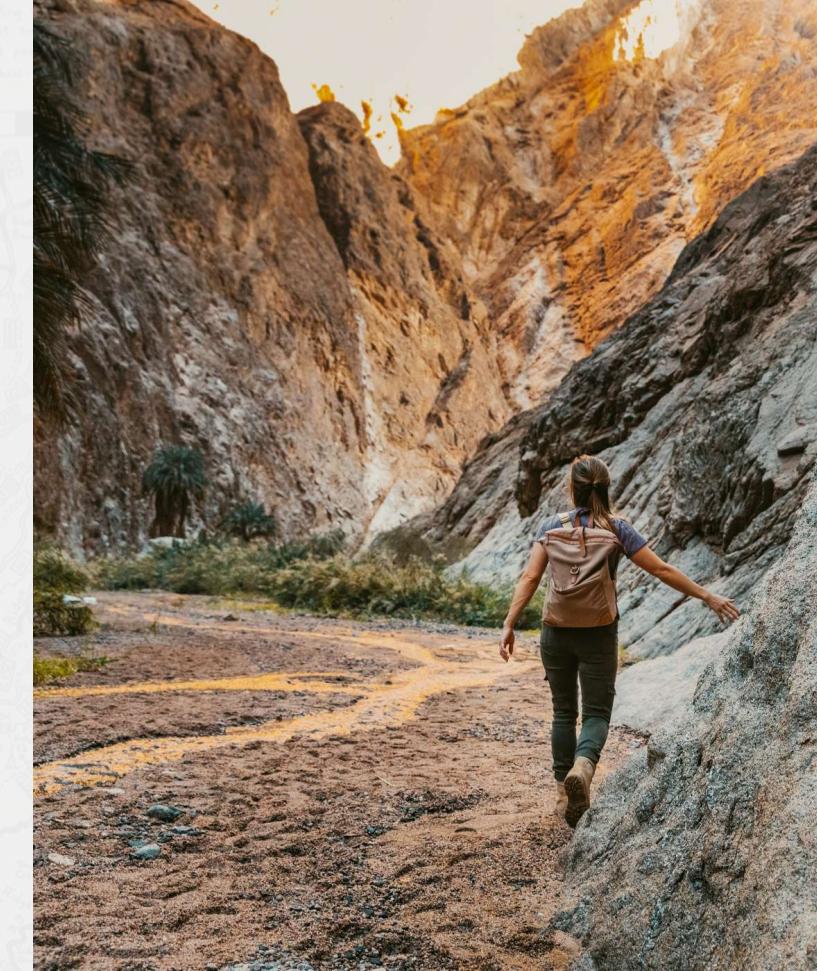
The week of January 14th, 2024



**Expedition** - A journey undertaken by a group of people  
with a definite objective.

**Logo** - compass arrow - gives direction.

—  **expedition** —



## Wayfinding

### Week 1 - January 14th, 2024

Wayfinding refers to the techniques used by travelers to discover unmarked routes. These techniques include but are not limited to dead reckoning, maps (earliest known maps are of the stars), compass, astronomical positioning or celestial navigation, radio navigation, and

more recently, global positioning, also known as GPS.



- ***Set the course***

*Where are we trying to go? You determine the destination and plan out the route to get there.*

- ***Maintain the course***

*Constant recalibration and repositioning as you keep track of your position in relation to where you're going.*

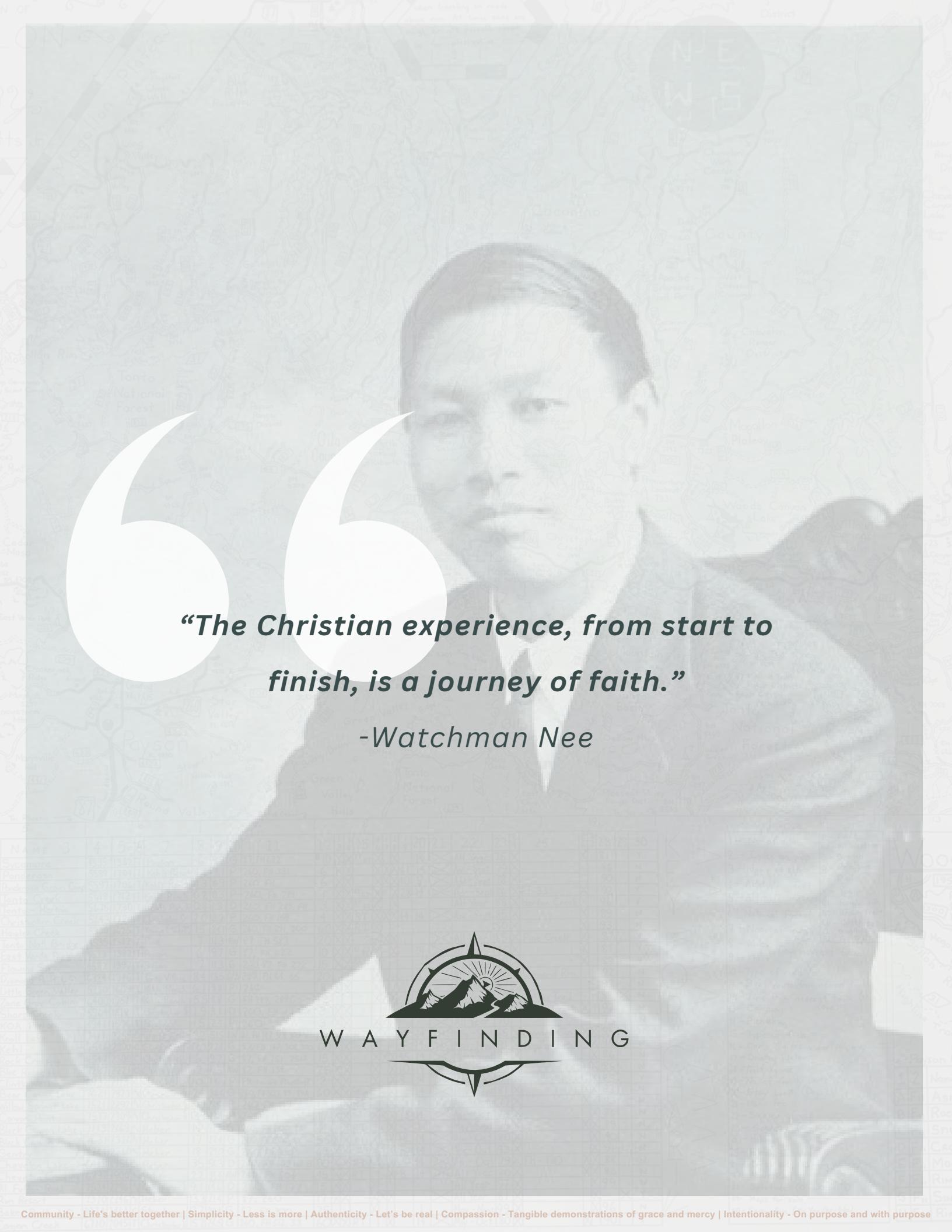
- ***Reach the destination***

*I'm calling our series Wayfinding because it has significant parallels to leading a church.*



*The Bible clearly says we only reach our destination one of two ways, death, or the return of Jesus.*





“*The Christian experience, from start to finish, is a journey of faith.*”

*-Watchman Nee*





WAYFINDING



## Wayfinding

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*[13] These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. [14] For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. [15] If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. [16] But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.*

Hebrews 11:13–16





## Wayfinding

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We have homes but this is not our home. We are people of the way, people on the move, traveling from one place to another. We're compelled by a vision of what lies at the end of the journey. We know where we're going.

Not where I used to be but not where I'm going to be.

The Bible is full of journeys. In the Old Testament, there are the literal journeys of Abraham, and Joseph, and Moses.





***By faith, Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.***

**Hebrews 11:8**

***You make known to me the path of life...***

**Psalm 16:11**

***In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.***

**Proverbs 3:6**



## 1. Keep Moving Forward

*Journey focuses on the process of getting there, not just the arrival. This is a process that continues throughout our life. We never arrive but we continually move closer to our destination. We are not who we used to be and not who we're going to be.*

*The Christian life is not about fortress building. We never get to a place and settle in or hunker down.*

*We go with no intention of returning to our starting point and resuming our former lives.*

*The book of 1 Peter encourages Christians who are living as wandering travelers, as exiles. He encourages us to not make ourselves at home in this world but to long for our true home in the new world that is coming.*



## 2. Have Hope and Faith

*This journey is almost never a straight path. We often take detours along the way so that we get lost from our path. Along the way, we are sure to be tested as we negotiate a myriad of trials and temptations. “That wasn’t on the map.” We never know what is waiting around the bend.*

*It’s natural to wonder if we’re on the right path. It’s natural to wonder if the journey is worth it.*

*2 Corinthians 5:7*

*... we walk by faith, not by sight.*

*When you’re uncertain, you have to trust that your bearings are good and true.*



### 3. Be Resilient

*A journey implies challenges and adventures. There will be testing, and trials, and challenges. It's a journey filled with hazards.*

*Sometimes it's a peaceful meadow, sometimes a barren desert.*

*Jesus never promised that it would be easy and comfortable. There will be unforeseen obstacles blocking our path and hindering our progress. Inevitably, our spiritual journey will be blocked by some kind of crisis or challenge.*

**1 Peter 4:12**

***Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.***

*There may be something in the way, but you stay on course. The destination doesn't change. You figure out how to work through it and how to go over it or get around it. You don't let it hinder your forward progress. You don't say, "I didn't expect that. I guess I'll just stop here."*

*Too many people give up when something great is just around the corner.*



## 4. Travel Together

*Many journeys involve travel companions. Sometimes our travel companions accompany us on the entire trip, and other times, it's for a short season.*

*Because travel is difficult on our own and significantly easier with faithful companions. In community, we find encouragement and strength to continue.*



*“The journey toward Christ is intended to be  
a group expedition where we walk together  
as honest strugglers who believe the end  
point is worth any hardship. We share the  
life of Christ together and are called to  
nourish that life in one another.”*

*-Larry Crabb*



1	No. of site
2	Indicates weather
3	Nearest town
4	Altitude
5	Altitude in meters
6	National Forest
7	Nearest town
8	Miles
9	KM
10	Type of road
11	East, West, North, South
12	Time from town to town (Min)
13	Campground
14	Pack trail
15	Type of trail
16	Camp. Trail under 100' only
17	Drinking water
18	Rest rooms
19	No. of family units
20	Stay limit (Days)
21	Use fee
22	Season of use
23	Scenery (0-100 miles)
24	Hiking
25	Hiking trail setting
26	Creek side (flowing water)
27	Above bank
28	Soil type (0-100 miles)

## 5. Travel Light

*Simplicity is a very helpful practice when traveling, and simplicity is also a very helpful practice when walking with Jesus through life.*

*Maybe I need to jettison my attachment to some of my possessions. My own will. We can only carry the bare essentials. We discard whatever would impede the journey.*

*Hebrews 12:1*

***... lay aside every weight,***

*Our culture says load up. Take everything you can.*



## 6. Invite Others

*Inviting others into the way, to travel with us.*

*If we really believe, we would ask others to join us.*

*Come alongside in the journey. Walk with us.*

*Why people don't evangelize?*



## Questions:

- *What obstacles make it difficult to keep moving?*
- *Have you ever been disappointed or disillusioned as you travel?*
- *What have you chosen to leave behind as extra baggage?*
- *What might you still need to get rid of?*
- *Who are your traveling companions?*
- *How do you help each other on the journey?*
- *Does the road seem lonely to you at times?*
- *When faced with a crossroads, how do you decide which path to take?*
- *What do you do when you get lost?*
- *How do you replenish resources?*
- *What kinds of preparations must be made for various stages of the journey?*
- *Where do you find encouragement and strength to continue?*
- *Who can be invited to join you on your journey?*
- *How would you try to interest them to join?*

1 - No. of site	F - Roads
2 - Index on map	B - Bridges
3 - Name of site	D - Primitive
4 - Altitude feet	T - Trail
5 - Altitude meters	X - Yes
6 - National Forest	BT - Backcountry Trail
7 - Nearest Town	BT - Brown Trail
8 - Miles from nearest town	Ca - Cut through
9 - KM	Co - Camping
10 - Type of road	Fe - Foot trail
11 - Best route from nearest town	Ma - Map
12 - Time from nearest town (Min.)	Pa - Picnicking
13 - Camping	Pe - Picnicking
14 - Picnicking	Si - Stream
15 - Type of fish	St - Stay limit (Days)
16 - Camp trailers under 16' only	U - User fee
17 - Drinking Water	
18 - Rest Rooms	
19 -	
20 -	
21 -	





*Making disciples who*

**LOVE GOD**

**LOVE PEOPLE**

**MATTHEW 22**

*"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."*



Community

*Life's better together*



Simplicity

*Less is more*



Authenticity

*Let's be real*



Compassion

*Tangible demonstrations of grace and mercy*



Intentionality

*On purpose and with purpose*



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# BELIEFS

GOD. JESUS. HOLY SPIRIT. BIBLE. MANKIND.





## Mission

We all long for a sense of purpose. We believe at Expedition that our life has no greater purpose than to live out God's mission for this world... to live "on mission."

The word Expedition is defined as "a journey undertaken by a group of people with a definite objective."

The definite objective is our mission: "Making disciples who love God and people."

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# BELIEFS

There is one God, the sovereign Creator and Ruler of the universe who eternally exists in three persons- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
He is holy and infinitely perfect.



# BELIEFS

Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the only Savior and Lord of humanity. He is fully God and fully man. He lived a sinless life, was crucified to atone for sin and rose from the grave giving evidence to defeating sin and death. He ascended to the right hand of the Father where He intercedes for us.



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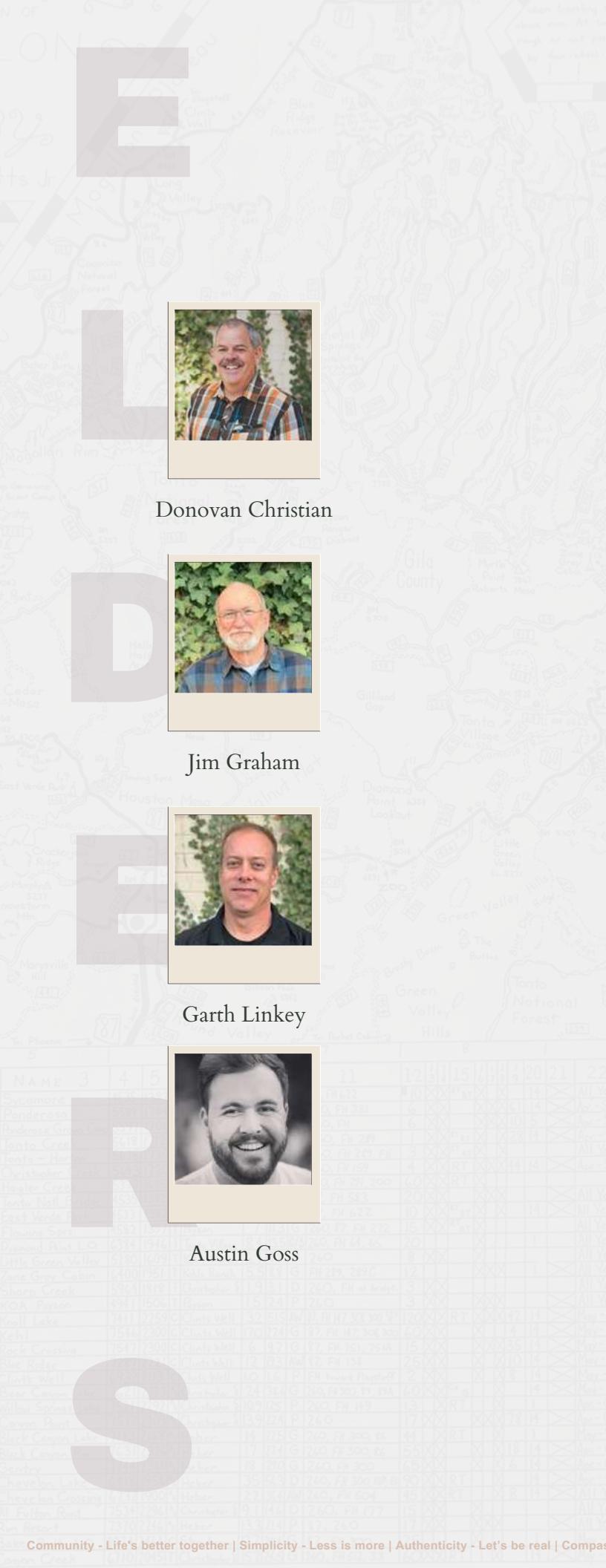
The Holy Spirit is the initiator and enabler for the Christian life. He convicts of sin and empowers believers for Christ-like living and service.



# BELIEFS

The Bible is the infallible and authoritative Word of God, the only rule of faith and practice and without error in all that it teaches.





Donovan Christian



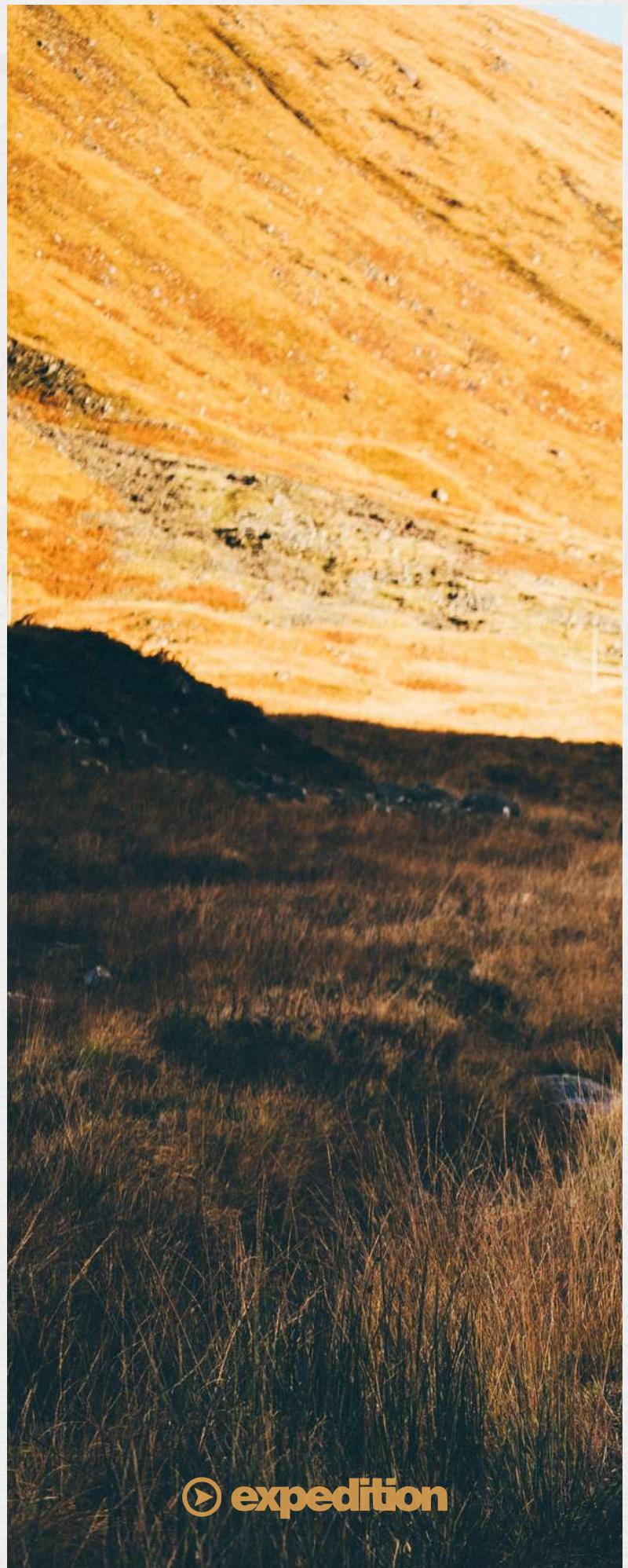
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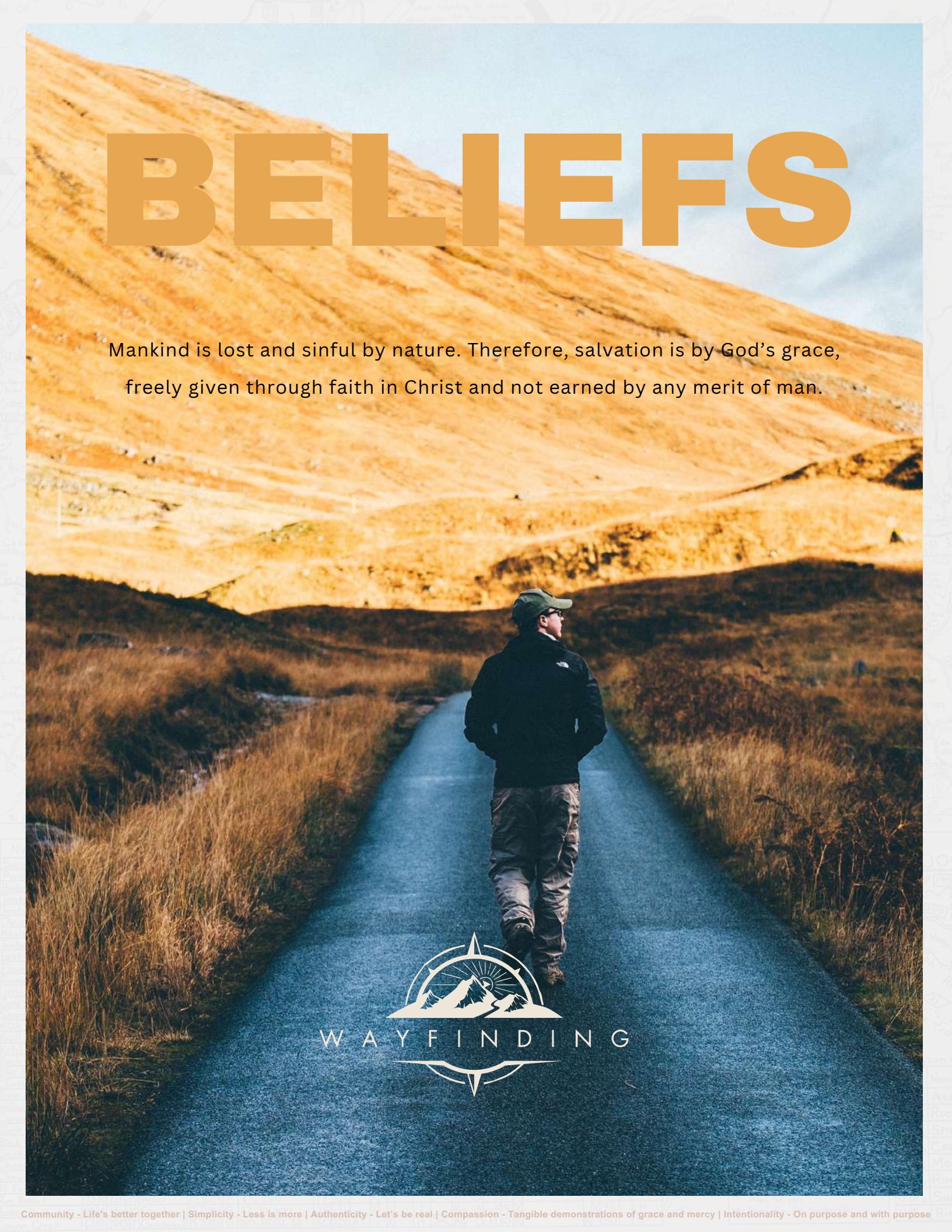


Austin Goss



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Mankind is lost and sinful by nature. Therefore, salvation is by God's grace, freely given through faith in Christ and not earned by any merit of man.

