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field guide

The week of January 21st, 2024



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"Not all those who wander are lost." The phrase comes from a poem in

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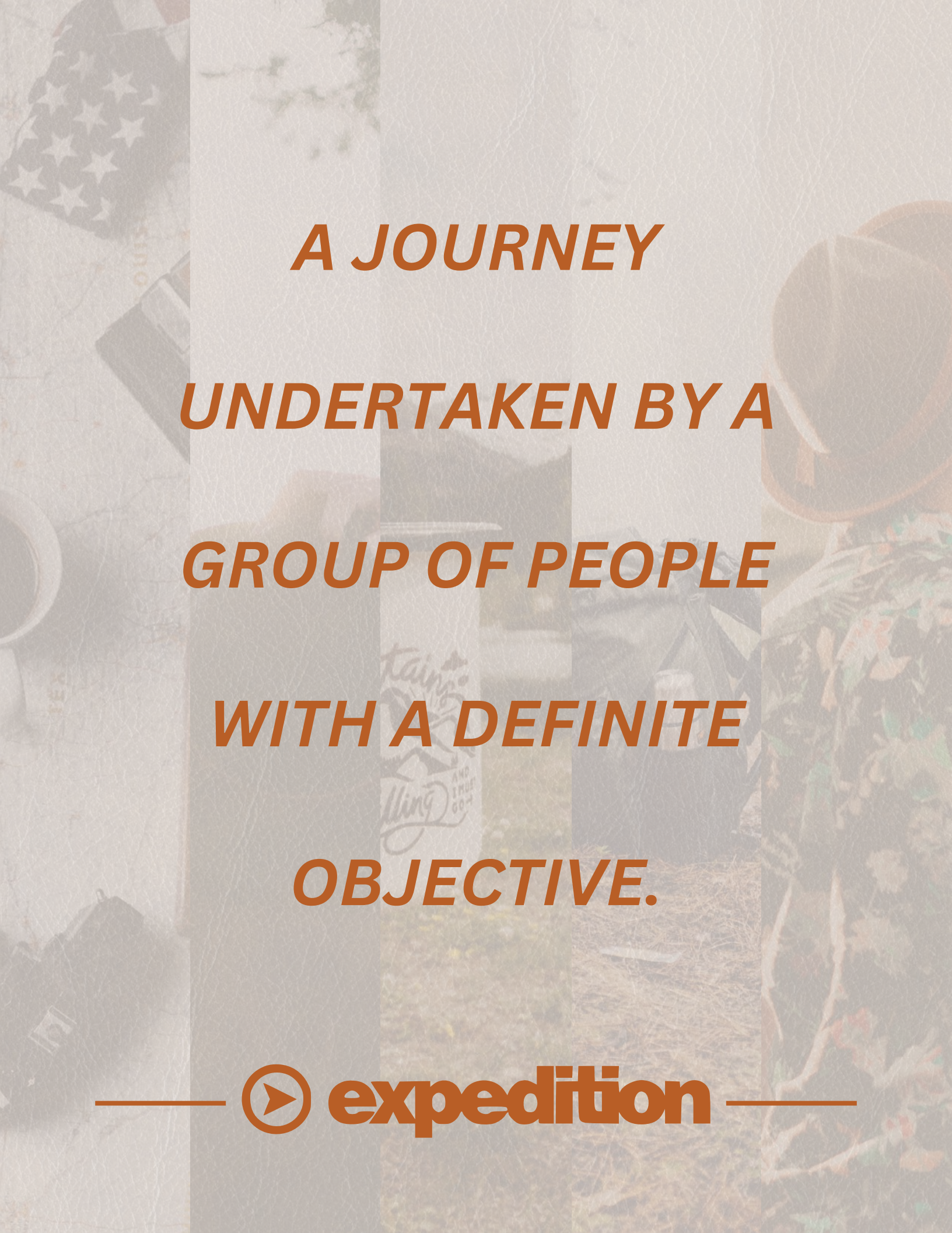
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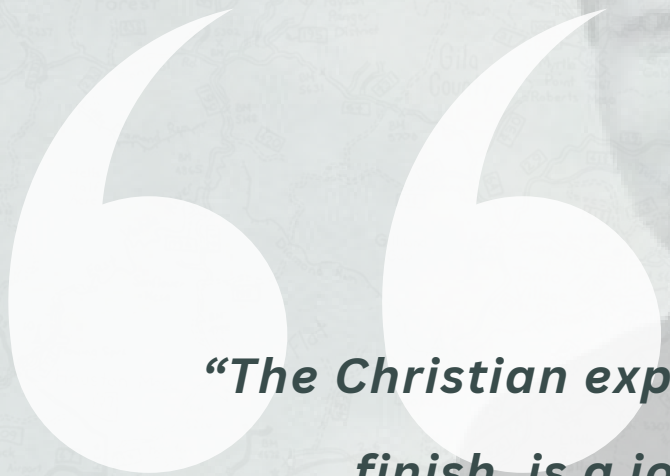
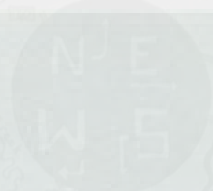
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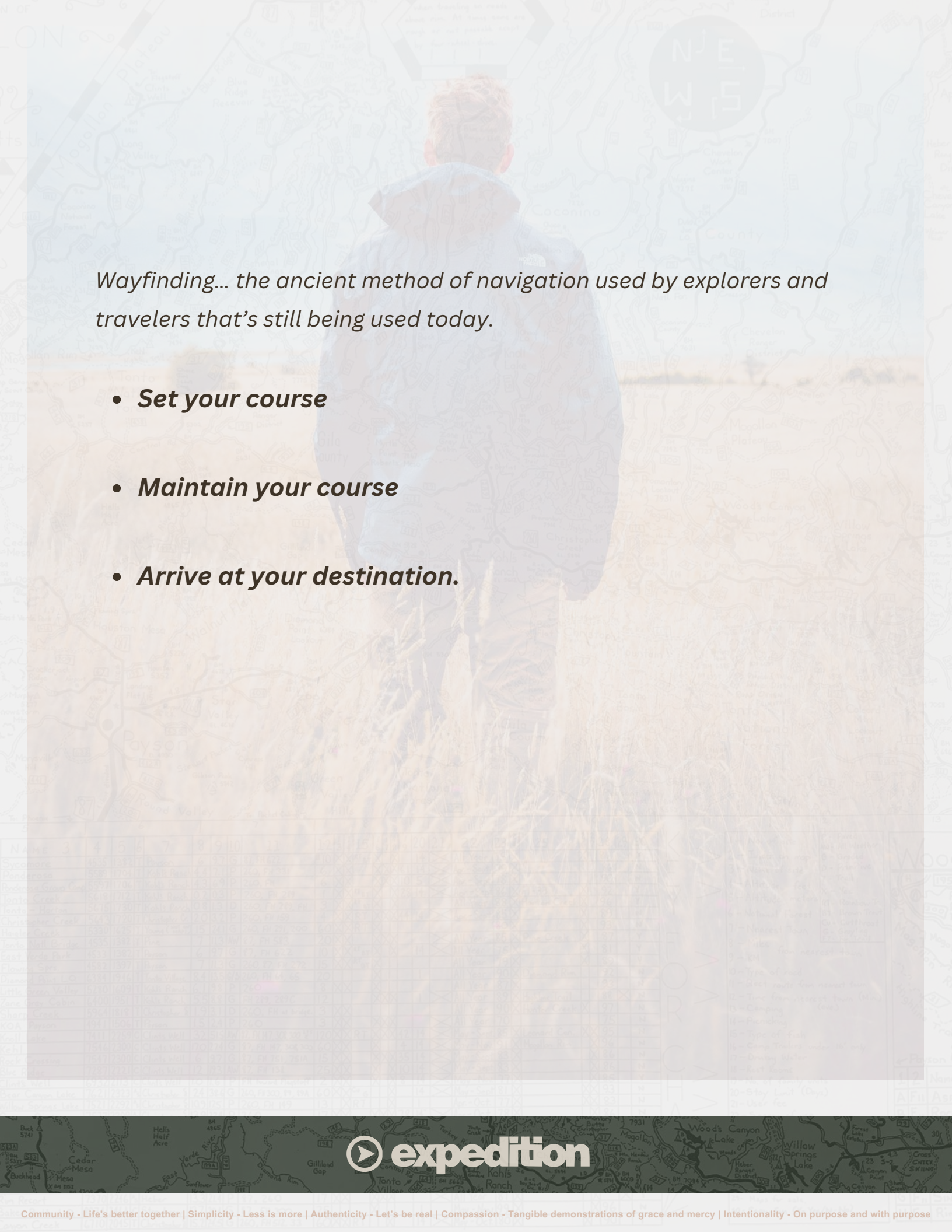


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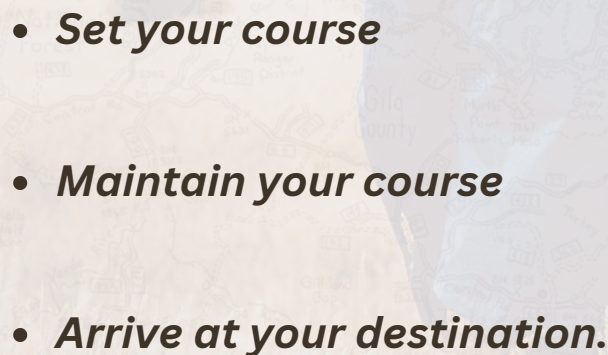
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Wayfinding... the ancient method of navigation used by explorers and travelers that's still being used today.

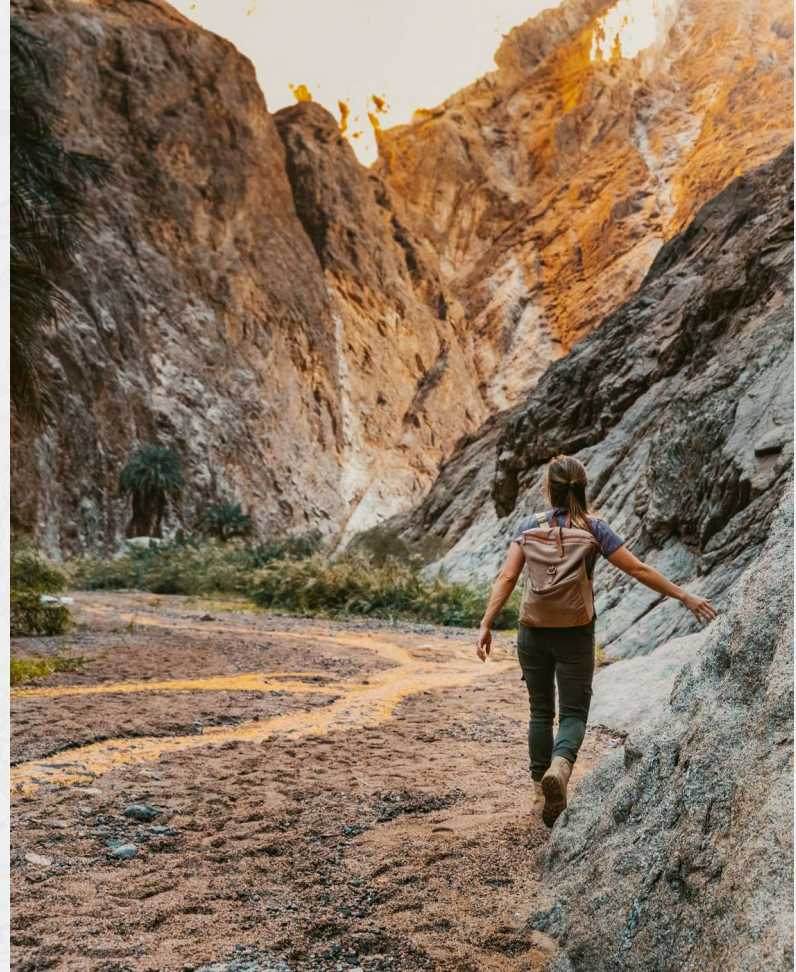
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- *Set your course*
 - *Maintain your course*
 - *Arrive at your destination.*



- The definite objective of Expedition Church... **Making disciples who love God and people.**
- Why do we exist as a church? **We exist to make disciples who love God and people.**
- What is our mission? **Our mission is to make disciples who love God and people.**
- What is our purpose? **To make disciples who love God and people.**

Expedition Church is a group of people traveling on life's journey with the goal of making disciples who love God and people.





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That definite objective is a combination of what Christians have often called the two greats... the great commission and the great commandment. For the sake of time, we will only be looking at one...
GREAT COMMISSION

The great commission could not be clearer. It's not tucked away hidden in a corner of the Bible somewhere that we would have to go find it. It's recorded five times in the New Testament: in each of the Gospels and at the beginning of the book of Acts.

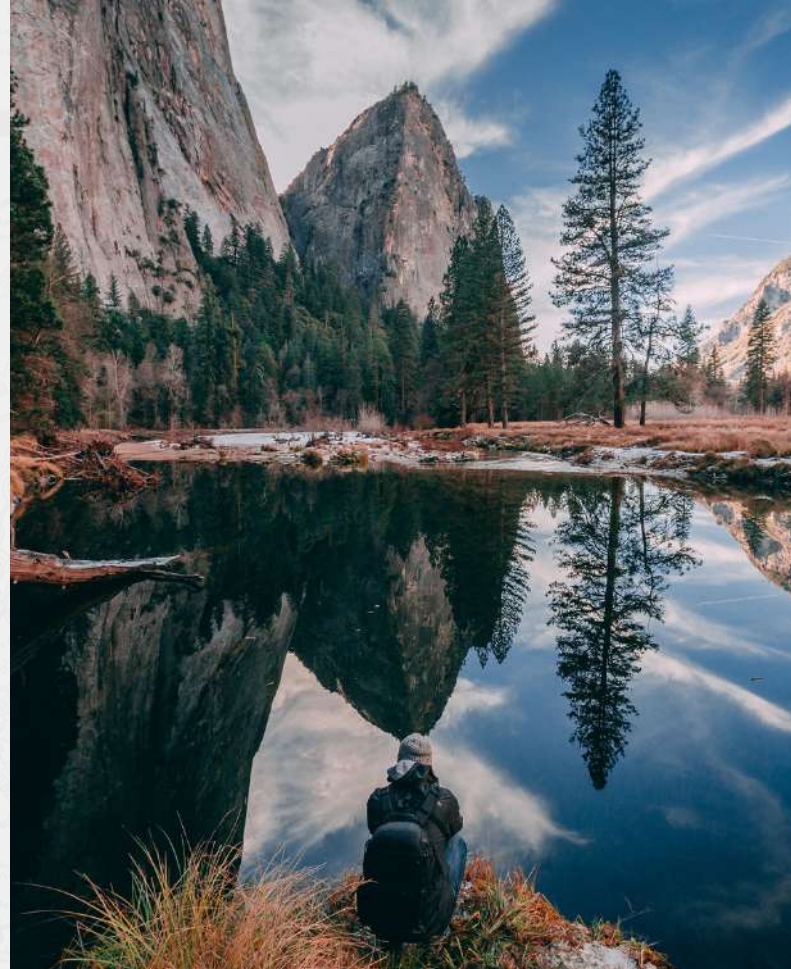




[18] And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. [19] Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20] teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18–20





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A disciple is just a student. It's someone who learns from and models their life after someone else.

A disciple follows Jesus, becoming more and more like Him. They devote their life to learning about and living for Jesus. It's a life-long process. It's often messy, and clumsy and three steps forward, two steps back.

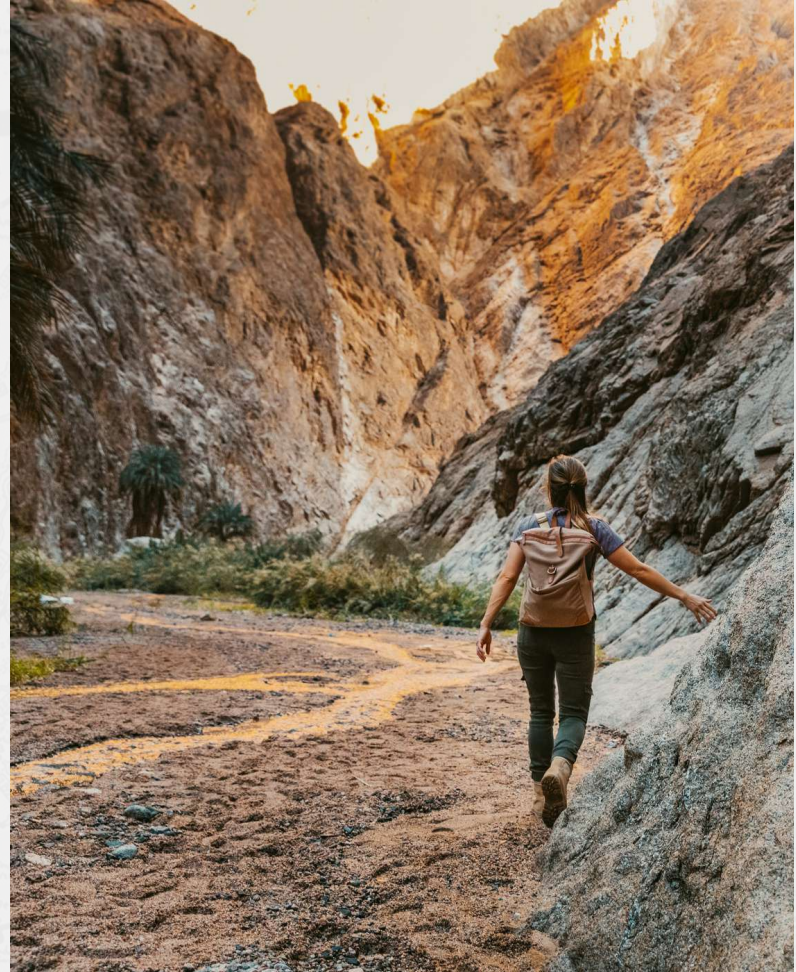


“A disciple is a person who has decided that the most important thing in her life is to learn how to do what Jesus said to do....

Disciples simply are people who are constantly revising their affairs to carry through on their decision to follow Jesus.”

- Dallas Willard





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This a command, not a suggestion. These words were given to every follower of Jesus. If I am His disciple, I am commanded to make disciples. If I am not making disciples, then I am not being the disciple God wants me to be. All disciples are called to make disciples.

Discipleship is not just a duty, it's a privilege. Think about it. God allowing us to be his agents in the world... **His representatives.**



*I want to acknowledge the elephant in the room.
Most Christians are struggling to make disciples.
As a whole, we have gotten off course.*

-Pastor Donovan



The vast majority of Christians today have not been personally disciplined.

We have confused conversion with discipleship.

He told us to make disciples not converts. This is what happens when we reduce the gospel to a message about how to get to heaven. It's someone who has committed their entire life to following Jesus. A life fully surrendered to Jesus.

Many Christians are self-centered. We are more concerned with getting our personal needs met in the local church than we are with making disciples. We can easily become self-serving.

We have prioritized information over transformation. The church has prioritized teaching facts and information. Most Christians are educated well beyond our obedience.

We have shifted responsibility away from person to organization.

We are relationally disconnected.

Discipleship is not just with our words, but also by how we live.





Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

- Paul the Apostle

1 Corinthians 11:1



CONCLUSION

We cannot passively make disciples.

“Aim at nothing and you’ll hit it every time.”

Disciple-making requires intentionality.

We are not doing as well as we need to as a church in terms of discipleship. That’s on me. We have to get better. We can get better.

I don’t want you to feel guilt, but I do want you to feel conviction. I want you to also feel inspired. You must do this and you can do this. Let me say it another way. We must do this and we can do this.

What would it look like?



The idea that you could become a Christian without becoming a disciple of Jesus is an idea foreign to the New Testament.

“Such grace is costly because it calls us to follow, and it is grace because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life. It is costly because it condemns sin, and grace because it justifies the sinner. Above all, it is costly because it cost God the life of his Son: “ye were bought at a price,” and what has cost God much cannot be cheap for us. Above all, it is grace because God did not reckon his Son too dear a price to pay for our life, but delivered him up for us.”

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer, The Cost of Discipleship



