



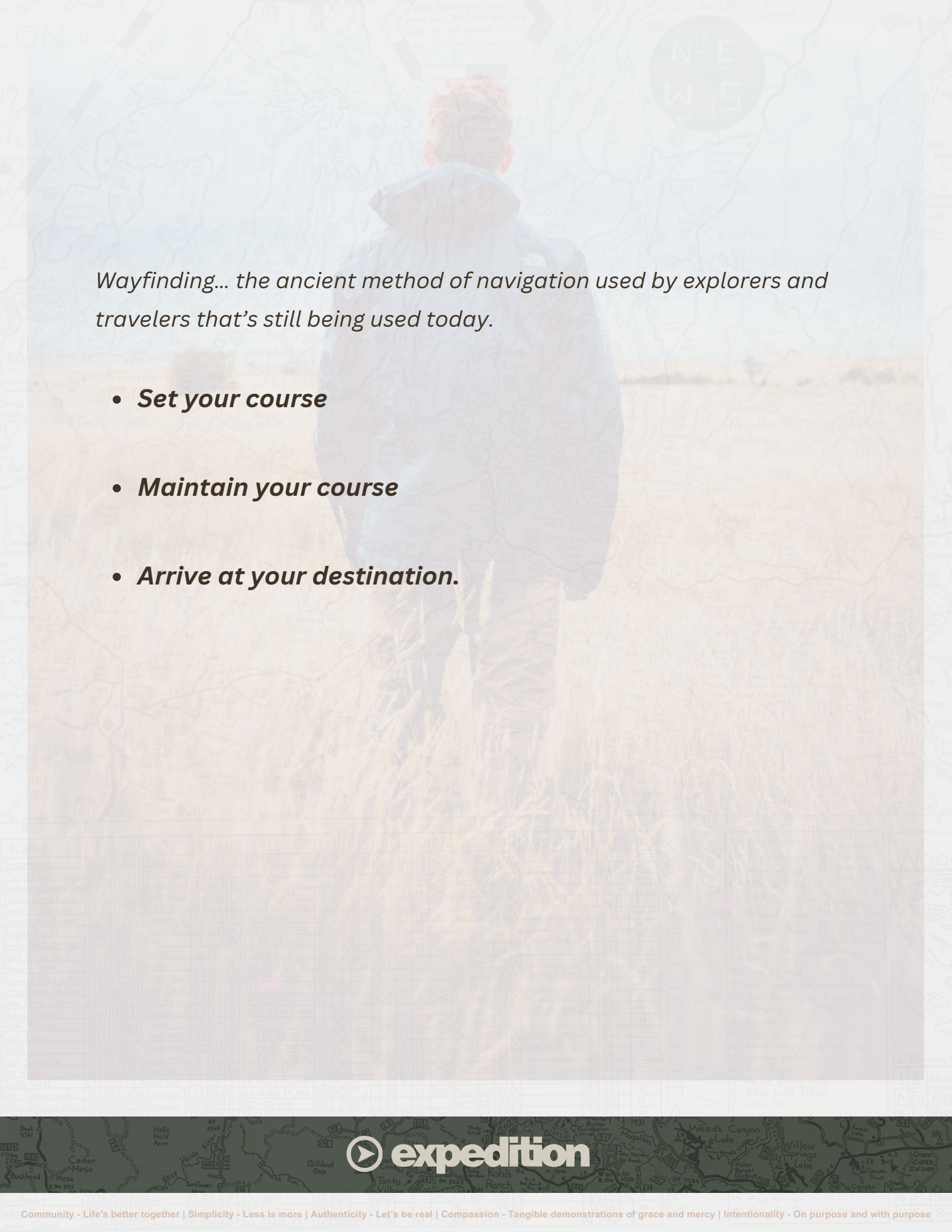
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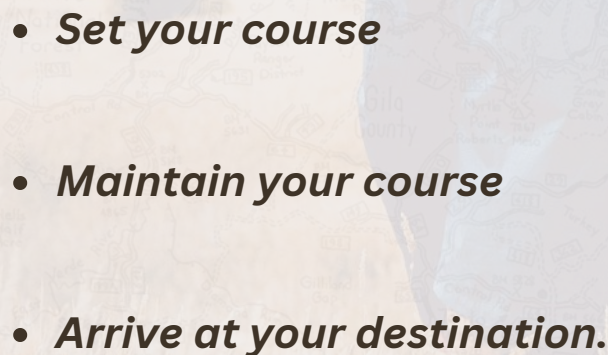
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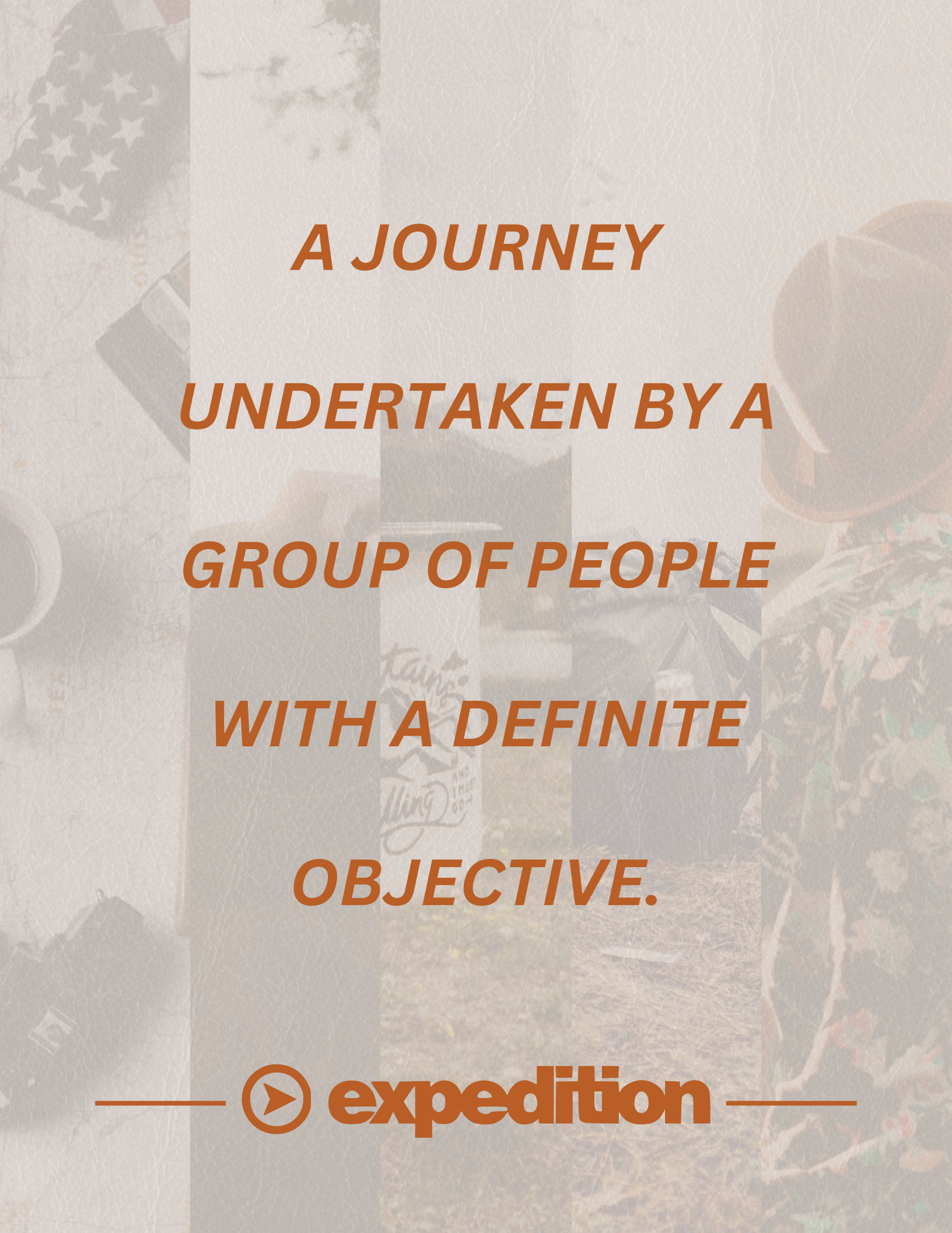
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*Wayfinding... the ancient method of navigation used by explorers and travelers that's still being used today.*

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





***A JOURNEY  
UNDERTAKEN BY A  
GROUP OF PEOPLE  
WITH A DEFINITE  
OBJECTIVE.***

—  **expedition** —



## Wayfinding

Week 3 - January 28th, 2024

It is absolutely essential, that in our journey of faith, our course is set.

We have to know where we're going. You can't maintain a course if you didn't first set one. **The definite objective of Expedition Church...**

**Making disciples who love God and people.** That definite objective is a combination of what Christians have often called the two greats... the great commission and the great commandment.





***[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





## Wayfinding

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Disciples have a curriculum. A disciple learns and teaches all that Christ commanded. A disciple devotes their life to learning about and living for Jesus.

The great commission could not be clearer. It's not tucked away or hidden, it's front and center. The great commandment is very much the same way.





*And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, “Which commandment is the most important of all?”*

Mark 12:28



*Scribes in ancient Israel were highly educated men who studied the Law, transcribed the Law, and wrote commentaries on the Law.*

*The scribe asking the question knows that there are precisely **613** commandments. **365** of them tell you things not to do. **248** are things you should do.*

### ***Moral, Civil, and Ceremonial***

*So the scribe says, “Okay Jesus, of all these 613 commandments, which is the most important?”*





*29 Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. (He’s quoting from Deuteronomy chapter 6) 30 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ 31 The second is this: (quoting from Leviticus 19) ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”*

Mark 12:29–31



## COMPREHENSIVE

*Jesus tells us that the commands to love God and to love your neighbor form one single great commandment and that no commandment is greater. This is why it is called the great commandment.*

*He also says that this one great commandment summarizes the entire law.*





***“On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”***

**Matthew 22:40**



*On these commandments, depend all the other commands. All 613 commands can be consolidated into one single great command. (365 no & 248 yes)*

*What does this mean? **I love this.***

*Let's focus on the big 10. Not the college Big 10 but the Bible big 10.*

*Name a big 10 commandment.*

- ***Why should you not kill? It's not loving to murder someone.***
- ***Why should you not have idols? It's not loving to God to worship false gods.***
- ***Why should you not steal? It's not loving to take things from people without their permission.***
- ***Why should you not commit adultery? It's not loving to your spouse or to the person you're committing adultery with.***

*All commandments funnel into one commandment.*





***For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.***

**Romans 13:9-10**



*‘Teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.’ It’s so simple and concise anyone can understand it, but, at the same time, it’s so profoundly comprehensive.*

*-Pastor Donovan*





## APPLICATION

What does God want from you? **Your love.**

1 John 4:19

**We love because he first loved us.**

Yes, he wants your obedience, but obedience **motivated by love.**

Yes, he wants your sacrifice, but sacrifice **motivated by love.**

It is first and foremost a **love relationship.**

What does God want you to do? **He wants you to love.**

***“Once and for all, I give you this one short command: love, and do what you will. If you hold your peace, hold your peace out of love. If you cry out, cry out in love. If you correct someone, correct them out of love. If you spare them, spare them out of love. Let the root of love be in you: nothing can spring from it but good.” - Augustine***



*There is no getting around the priority of love and the preeminence of love and the prominence of love and the paramountness of love in the New Testament.*

## **PREEMINENCE OF LOVE**

*The Apostle John says...*

*1 John 4:7-8*

***Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.***

*Why would he be so passionate about love being an essential part of the Christian faith?*

*John was personally discipled by Jesus. He was one of Jesus' closest companions. Jesus rubbed off on John. John followed in the dust of his Rabbi Jesus. He watched him. He listened to him. They spend three years of their lives together.*

*He personally heard the words come out of Jesus' mouth...*





***“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”***

John 13:34-35



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y they are a disciple of Jesus  
**disciples...**

*Last week... make disciples...*

*Jesus says that the unbelieving world will have a standard by which they can determine whether or not a person truly is a disciple of his.*



