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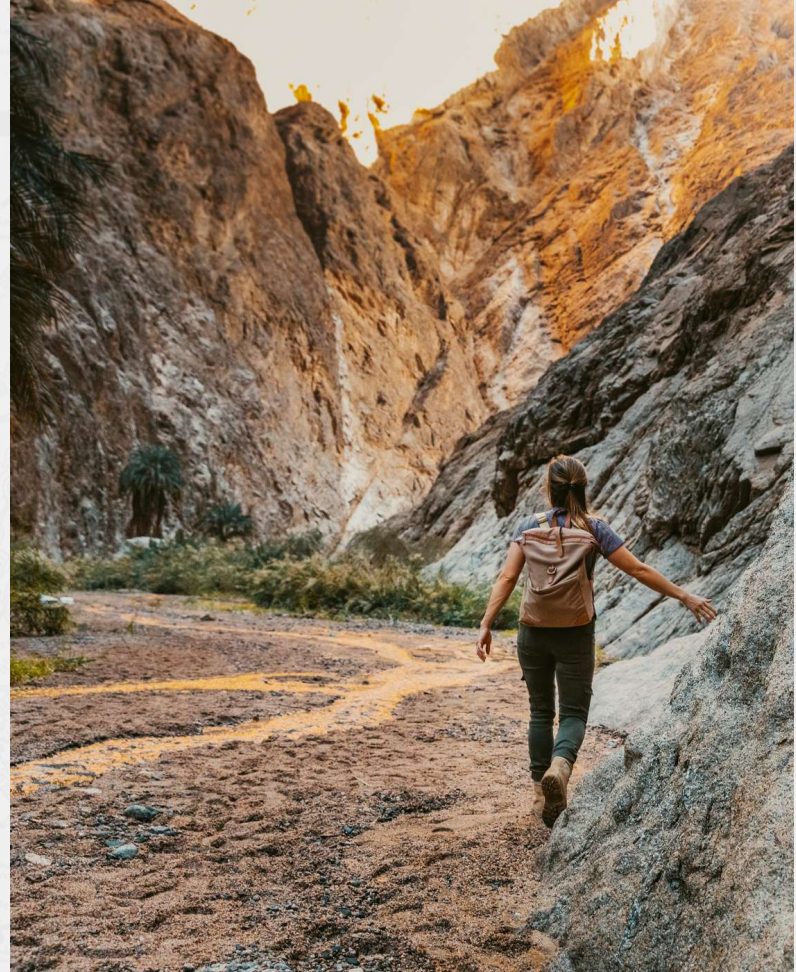
*field guide*

The week of March 10th, 2024



**expedition**





## Wayfinding

Week 9 - March 10th, 2024

### GOOD SAMARITAN

In one of Jesus' most famous parables, he tells the story of a good Samaritan.

The context for the parable is that Jesus is trying to help a man understand what it means to love your neighbor.

So Jesus tells a story where a man who gets beat up and is left in a heap half dead on the side of the road. Two religious men, a Priest and a Levite walk by and do nothing. They ignore the man. A third man, the Samaritan, the least likely person to help the man stops to give aid.







***... a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion.***

**Luke 10:33**



*The Samaritan cared for him and took care of his needs. Then Jesus says, “go and do likewise.”*

*The parable fits perfectly with our wayfinding series.*

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

### **Wayfinding**

- Set the course.
- Maintain the course.
- Reach the destination.

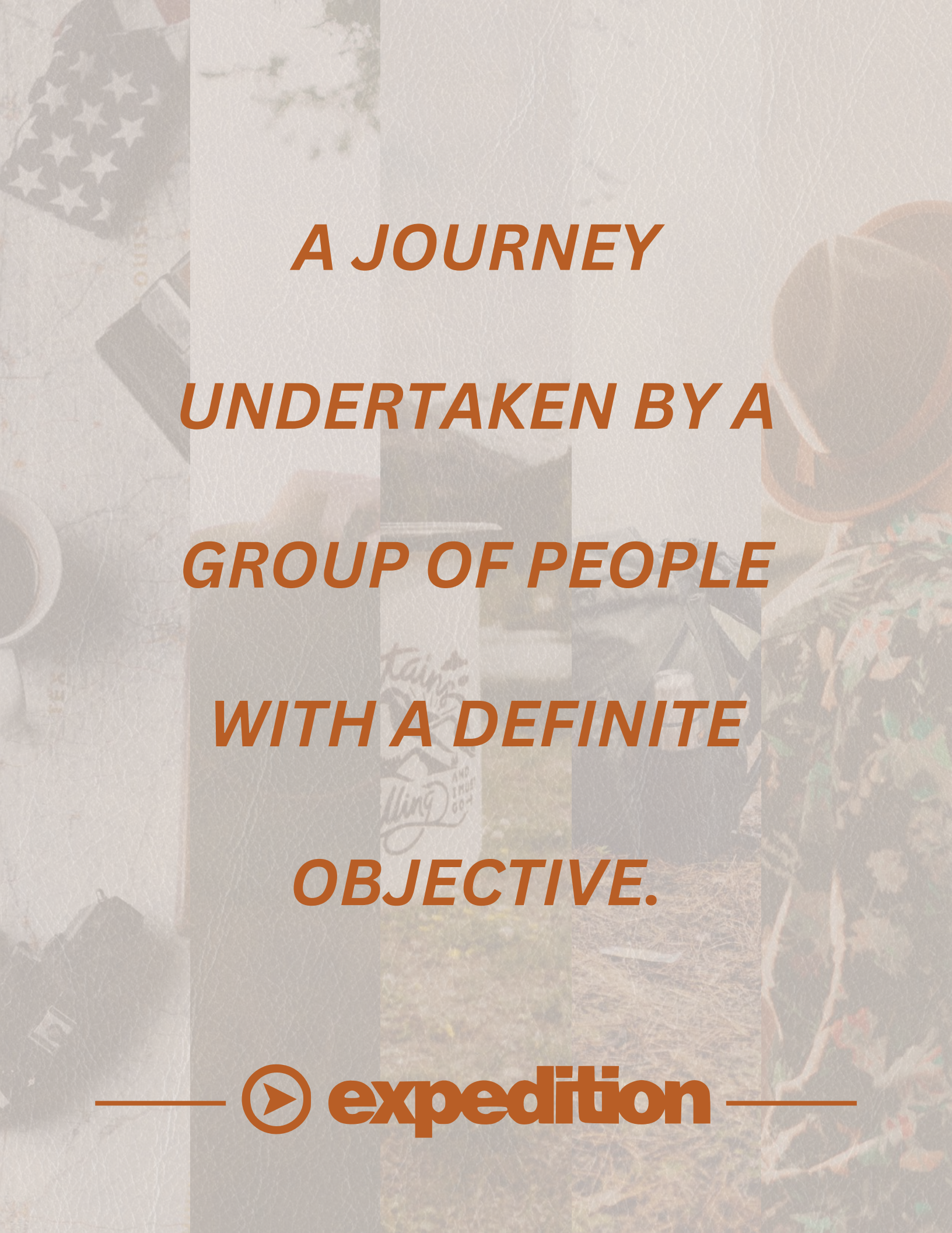
*How we choose to travel.*

*The parable of the Good Samaritan is a story about a man on a journey and how he acts on that journey. How we chooses to demonstrate love.*

**GOD IS A GOD OF COMPASSION**







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*The Lord gracious and compassionate.*

Ps. 103:8



*These are fundamental attributes of God’s character. There is never a moment when he is not gracious, when he is not giving us undeserved favor.*

***He is never not compassionate.***

*In Latin, ‘compati’ means to “suffer with.” Compassion means someone else’s heartbreak becomes your heartbreak. Another’s suffering becomes your suffering.*

*Alexander Maclaren says it a **“throb of pity”** that shoots through us.*





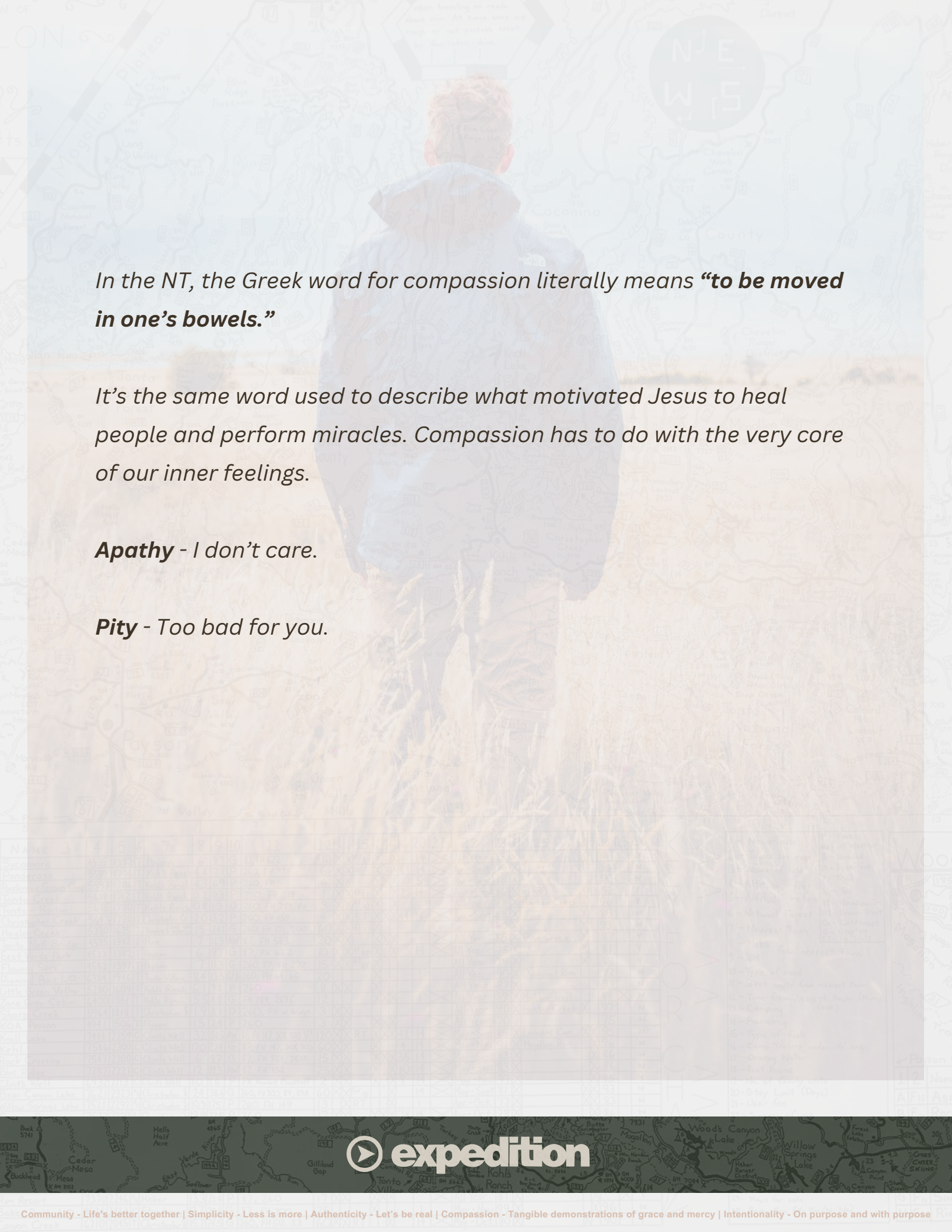


*When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd.*

Mark 6:34







*In the NT, the Greek word for compassion literally means “**to be moved in one’s bowels.**”*

*It's the same word used to describe what motivated Jesus to heal people and perform miracles. Compassion has to do with the very core of our inner feelings.*

**Apathy** - I don't care.

**Pity** - Too bad for you.







***15 If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?***

**James 2:15-16**





**Sympathy** - I'm sorry for you.

**Empathy** - I'm sorry for you. I feel for you.

**Compassion** - I'm sorry for you. I feel for you. I'm going to do something about it.

**Awareness.** Affected. Action to alleviate it.

- **Compassion includes seeing, feeling and doing.**
- **See something. Feel Something. Do Something.**
- **See. Feel. Do.**







***But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?***

**1 John 3:17**





*God is a gracious and loving God. If God is in us, if his love and grace and compassion*

*-Pastor Donovan*







***[3] Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, [4] who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.***

**2 Corinthians 1:3–4**





***Compassion is more than seeing a need and feeling bad about someone's suffering. It's incomplete unless it involves taking action to relieve the suffering.***

***-Pastor Donovan***





## Questions:

- What is the main message of the parable of the Good Samaritan, and how does it relate to the concept of wayfinding discussed in the sermon?
- How does the sermon define compassion, and why is it considered a fundamental attribute of God's character?
- In the context of the sermon, how does the behavior of the Priest and the Levite contrast with that of the Samaritan, and what lesson does this teach about love and neighborliness?
- How does the sermon illustrate the difference between apathy, pity, sympathy, empathy, and compassion, and why is compassion considered the most actionable?
- What does the sermon suggest about the relationship between God's compassion and our responsibility to act compassionately towards others?
- How does the sermon use the phrase "See something. Feel Something. Do Something." to summarize the process of compassionate action?
- According to the sermon, how does understanding God's compassionate nature influence a believer's actions towards others in need?
- What scriptural examples does the sermon use to highlight the importance of compassion in the teachings of Jesus and the early Christian community?
- How does the sermon connect the story of the Good Samaritan to the broader themes of the "Expedition" and "Wayfinding" series?
- In what ways does the sermon suggest that compassionate action can reflect and contribute to a person's spiritual journey and relationship with God?