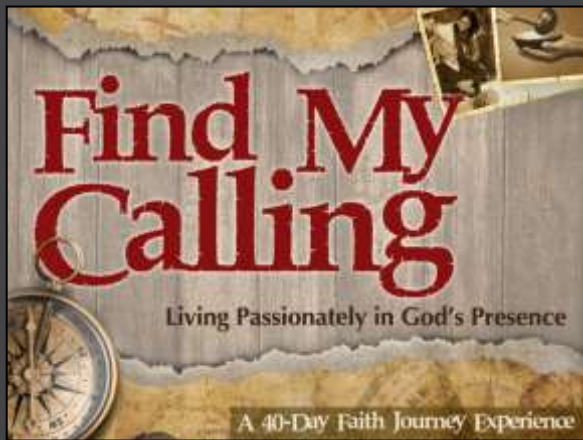




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January 2014



January 2015

40 Days of
FAITH



January 2016



January 2017



January 2018

Why 40 Days?

Number “forty” + (time period)
is mentioned 146 times in Scripture.

It symbolizes trial and testing, probation,
or the fulfillment of promises.

What is an adventure?

Noun

an **unusual** and exciting, typically hazardous, experience or **activity**.

Verb

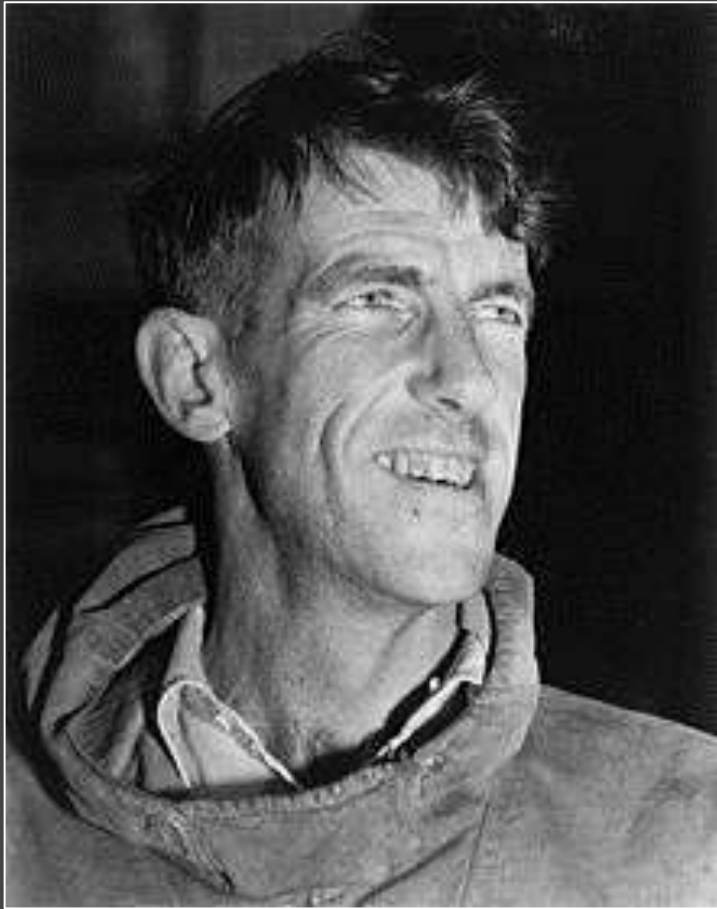
engage in hazardous and exciting activity, especially the exploration of **unknown territory**.

Mount Everest



Aerial photo from the south, above the ridge connecting Nuptse and Lhotse

Source: wikipedia



Sir Edmund Hillary

a New Zealand mountaineer, explorer,
and philanthropist

On 29 May 1953, Hillary became
the **first climber** confirmed
to have reached the summit
of Mount Everest.

Source: wikipedia

When beginning an adventure,
what do you need?

On an adventure, you need a...

- Starting point
- Destination
- Map
- Route
- Leader
- Team
- Role



Tenzing Norgay

Time Magazine named him one of the
100 most influential people of the 20th century.

Source: wikipedia



There are **two main climbing routes** in scaling **Mount Everest**.

One approaching the summit from the southeast in Nepal and the other from the north in Tibet.

Everest presents dangers such as altitude sickness, weather, and wind, as well as significant hazards from avalanches and the Khumbu Icefall.

Source: wikipedia



Which PATH will we choose
this year?

You will make known to me the **path** of life;
in Your presence is fullness of joy;
in Your right hand there are pleasures forever.

Psalm 16:11

How do we find this path?

The Path of our Church

First Melissa's passion is to make disciples of Jesus who:

- reach intentionally
- connect authentically
- equip continuously
- live passionately

Matthew 22

But when the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered themselves together. One of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, **testing** Him, “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?”

Matthew 22:34-36

“The Law”

- The first 5 books of the Old Testament, written by Moses, were considered the “Law” or “Torah”
- All other Old Testament books were categorized as “Prophets”
- Rabbis had studied the Torah and developed 613 laws
- 248 affirmative (positive) laws, one for every part of the human body
- 365 negative laws, one for every day of the year
- Also divided laws into “heavy” (absolutely binding) and “light” (less binding)
- There was great debate about the prioritization of all the laws
- People were tempted to ask, “Which one should I follow **first**?”

Jesus said to him, “ ‘YOU SHALL LOVE (Greek ἀγαπάω)
THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL
YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.’ This is the great and
foremost commandment (Greek ἐντολή).”

Matthew 22:37-38

Greatest Commandment

- Jesus' answer comes from the **Shema** (Hebrew for “hear”), |which observant Jews recite every morning and evening.
- “Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!

You shall love (Hebrew **אהב** “aheb”) the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.”

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְהוָה אֶל־יְהוָה אֶחָד

Deuteronomy 6:4

‘YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART,
AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.’

Matthew 22:37

All = completeness, every area of life

Heart = the core of one’s personal being, one’s spirit

Soul = one’s emotions

Mind = mental endeavor and energy, also encompassing one’s strength; learn to think critically and biblically

What is the heart?

- The word “Heart” (Hebrew *lebab*, Greek *kardia*) occurs 1,000+ times in the Bible, making it the most common anthropological term in Scripture.
- The heart is the center of emotions, feelings, moods, and passions. Equated with the heart are joy (Deut. 28:47; Acts 2:26), grief (Ps. 13:2; Lam. 2:11), ill-temper (Deut. 15:10), love (Phil. 1:7), courage (2 Sam. 17:10; Ps. 27:14), and fear (Gen. 42:28).
- The heart’s function as the source of thought and reflection highlights its intellectual capacities (Isa. 6:10; Mark 7:21-23). The heart understands (Deut. 8:5; Isa. 42:25), provides wisdom to rule justly and wisely (1 Kings 3:12; 10:24), and discerns good and evil (1 Kings 2:44).
- The heart represents volition and conscience (1 Sam. 24:5; 2 Sam. 24:10).

Why does God care about the condition of my heart? Why should I care?

“Watch over your heart with all diligence,
for from it flow the springs of life.”

Proverbs 4:23

“As a man thinks in his heart, so is he.”

Proverbs 23:7

‘YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.’

Matthew 22:37

(The Message paraphrase)

Jesus said, “Love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence.”

“Love the Lord your God”

Jesus taught that love for God is the distinguishing characteristic of a believer whose heart has been changed through salvation.

Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him. He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father’s who sent Me.” John 14:23-24

“Love the Lord your God”

Ask:

- What would my life look like if I was totally, completely, unashamedly committed to following Jesus?
- How would my thoughts change?
- How would my words change?
- How would my actions change?
- How would my daily routine change?
- How would my heart change?

Jesus said, “The second is like it, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE (Greek ἀγαπάω) YOUR NEIGHBOR (Greek πλησίον) AS YOURSELF.’ ”

Matthew 22:39

Greatest Commandment is NOT new

Jesus' answer also comes from Leviticus 19:18,
“You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any
grudge against the sons of your people,
but **you shall love your neighbor as yourself**;
I am the Lord.”

“Love your neighbor as yourself”

Ask:

Does my love for God affect my treatment of other people?

How does my love for God affect my treatment of other people?

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love.”

1 John 4:7-8

Who is my neighbor?

Being a Good Samaritan in a Connected World

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?



Foreword by George Verwer

STEVE MOORE

“God expects us to take the initiative, crossing boundaries, and overcoming barriers, to show His mercy by serving others.” – Steve Moore

proximity + urgency + capacity =
responsibility

How do I love my neighbor?

“One Anothers” in New Testament

(action verb) + “one another”

Love (John 13:34)

Greet (1 Cor. 16:20)

Pray for (James 5:16)

Honor (Rom. 12:10)

Accept (Rom. 15:7)

Admonish (Col. 3:16)

Comfort (1 Thess. 4:18)

Live in harmony with (Rom. 12:16)

Encourage (Heb. 3:13)

Prefer (Rom. 12:10)

Be at peace with (Mark 9:50)

Be devoted to (Rom. 12:10)

Wait for (1 Cor. 11:33)

Forgive (Eph. 4:32)

Jesus concluded by saying...

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

Matthew 22:40

10 Commandments

Exodus 20:3-17

1. You shall have no other gods before Me
2. You shall not make for yourself an idol
3. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain
4. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy

*Commandments #1-4 pertain to one's relationship with God

10 Commandments

Exodus 20:3-17

5. Honor your father and mother
6. You shall not murder
7. You shall not commit adultery
8. You shall not steal
9. You shall not bear false witness
10. You shall not covet

*Commandments #5-10 pertain to one's relationship with others

What is the path for a heart that loves Jesus?

“Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? And who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood, and has not sworn deceitfully. He shall receive a blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation.” Psalm 24:3-5

You Are Invited



During our 40 Days of Adventure, First Melissa asks that you will commit to:

- Praying and studying every day using the 40 Days Daily Workbook
- Attending worship each Sunday
- Attending a Small Group
- Attending Adventure Wednesday Night each week

“Life is either a daring **adventure** or nothing.”

- Helen Keller

“I love those who love me; and those who diligently seek me will **find** me.”

Proverbs 8:17

- God