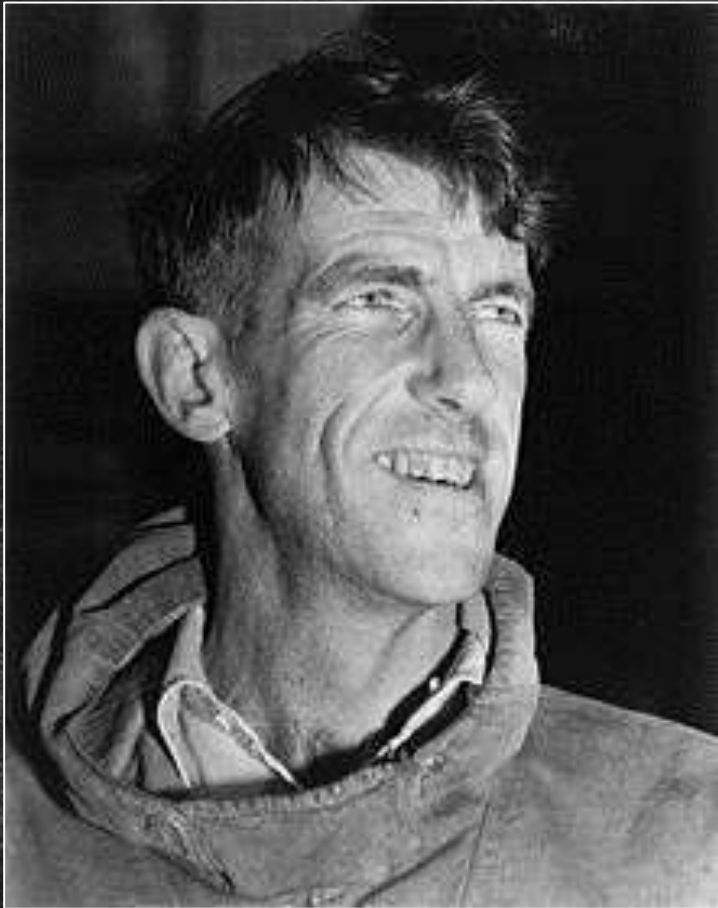




ADVENTURE

The first person to ever...

Last week...

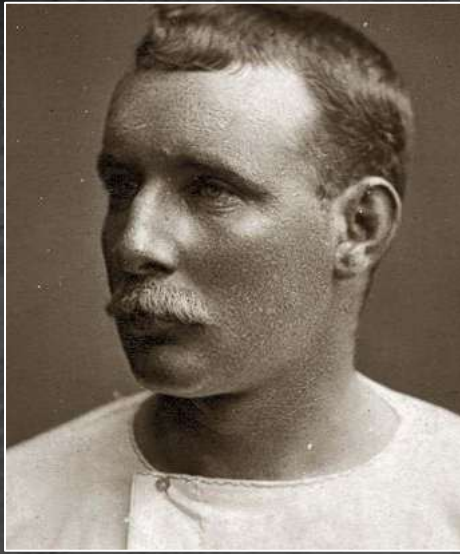


Sir Edmund Hillary

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



Captain **Matthew Webb** was the first recorded person to **swim the English Channel** for sport without the use of artificial aids. On 25 August 1875, Webb swam from Dover to Calais in 21 hours 45 minutes.

Source: wikipedia

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**.

Why 40 Days?

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

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

The Path of our Church

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

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

Last week...

‘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.”

Last week...

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

Matthew 22:39

This Week...

Disciples Equip Continuously

Learn and Live God's Word

On an adventure, you need a...

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

What should you pray as you begin your
spiritual adventure?

Make me know Your *ways*, O Lord;
teach me Your *paths*.

Psalm 25:4

ROUTE

What would the Lord reply as you begin
your spiritual adventure?

I will instruct you and teach you in the **way**
which you should go; I will counsel you with
My eye upon you.

Psalm 32:8

LEADER

Do you have a copy
of God's Word?

How many people in the world
have a copy of God's Word?

Wycliffe Bible Translators stated in October 2018

- Number of Living Language Groups in the World 7,361
- Number of language groups with COMPLETE Bible 683
- Number of language groups with a New Testament 1,534
- Number of language groups with NO Bible 4,011
- Current translation projects in progress 2,658

- Total World Population 7.71 billion
- Number of people with a COMPLETE Bible 5.71 billion
- Number of people with a PARTIAL Bible 1.5 billion
- Number of people with NO Bible 250 million

How can we learn and live
God's Word?

What does the Bible say about
studying the Bible?

Equip continuously

How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers! But his delight is in the law (תּוֹרָה torah) of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night. He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season and its leaf does not wither; and in whatever he does, he prospers.

Psalm 1:1-3

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Daily Email



First Melissa's Vision for 2019

Our theme verse for 2019 is Ezekiel 20:19... "I am the Lord your God; walk in My statutes and keep My ordinances and observe them."

Pastor Trey Graham taught on this verse on Sunday, January 6. Click [here](#) to listen to this new year's message.

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Today's Bible Reading



Let's read through the entire Bible this year! Our 2019 Bible reading schedule follows the reading calendar located [here](#).

Today's morning reading is **Matthew 15:21-39**. Click [here](#) to read today's New Testament section online.

Today's evening reading is **Exodus chapters 9-11**. Click [here](#) to read today's Old Testament section online.

"But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates **day** and **night**." Psalm 1:2

Lone Star Podcast



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Lone Star Podcast

Pastor [Trey Graham](#) and Rabbi [Dov Lipman](#) invite you to listen to a recorded conversation each week in which they discuss the weekly Torah portion from Christian and Jewish perspectives. A new podcast is released every week ahead of Shabbat.

Equip continuously

For on the first of the first month he (Ezra) began to go up from Babylon; and on the first of the fifth month he came to Jerusalem, because the good hand of his God was upon him. For Ezra had set his heart to study the law of the Lord and to practice it, and to teach His statutes and ordinances in Israel.

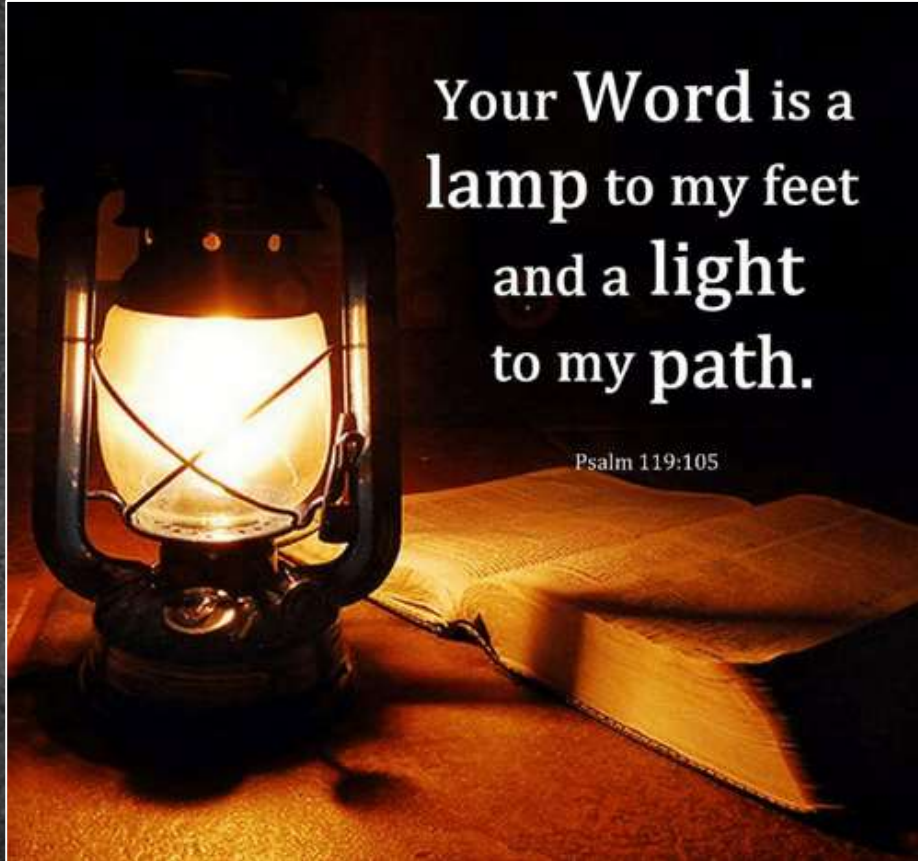
Ezra 7:9-10

Equip continuously

This book of the law (תּוֹרָה torah) shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful **to do** according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success.

Joshua 1:8

Equip continuously



Your Word is a
lamp to my feet
and a light
to my path.

Psalm 119:105

Do you ever need
spiritual guidance?

Equip continuously

Your words were found and I ate them, and Your words became for me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I have been called by Your name, O Lord God of hosts.

Jeremiah 15:16

The law (תּוֹרָה torah) of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment (מִצְוָה mitzvah) of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the judgments of the Lord are true; they are righteous altogether. They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, by them Your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

Psalm 19:7-11

How blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law (תּוֹרָה torah) of the Lord. How blessed are those who observe His testimonies, who seek Him with all their heart. They also do no unrighteousness; **they walk in His ways**. You have ordained Your precepts, that we should keep them diligently. Oh that my ways may be established to keep Your statutes! Then I shall not be ashamed when I look upon all Your commandments (מִצְוָה mitzvah). I shall give thanks to You with uprightness of heart, when I learn Your righteous judgments. I shall keep Your statutes; do not forsake me utterly! **Psalm 119:1-8**

How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your word. *With all my heart I have sought You; do not let me wander from Your commandments* (מִצְוָה mitzvah). Your word I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin against You. Blessed are You, O Lord; teach me Your statutes. With my lips I have told of all the ordinances of Your mouth. I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, as much as in all riches. I will meditate on Your precepts and regard Your ways. I shall delight in Your statutes; I shall not forget Your word. *Psalm 119:9-16*

*Love God first... Love God's Word second

Equip continuously

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth. [2 Timothy 2:15](#)

- *What if I don't understand what I read?
- *Ask a fellow disciple of Jesus to help.

Equip continuously

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

*How is God training you for your next assignment?

What happens when
leaders begin to **learn** and
live God's Word?

2 Chronicles 34

Then the king (Josiah) sent and gathered all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. The king went up to the house of the Lord and all the men of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the priests, the Levites and all the people, from the greatest to the least; and he read in their hearing all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house of the Lord. [2 Chronicles 34:29-30](#)

Then the king stood in his place and made a covenant before the Lord to walk after the Lord, and to keep His commandments and His testimonies and His statutes with all his heart and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant written in this book. Moreover, he made all who were present in Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand with him. So **the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God**, the God of their fathers. Josiah removed all the abominations from all the lands belonging to the sons of Israel, and made all who were present in Israel to serve the Lord their God. Throughout his lifetime they did not turn from following the Lord God of their fathers.

2 Chronicles 34:31-33

Equip continuously

But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.

James 1:22

*Don't just Learn it... Live it

Equip continuously

What use is it, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but he has no works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and be filled,” and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that? Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself. But someone may well say, “You have faith and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works.”

James 2:14-18

Learn and Live God's Word

- Surrender to the Savior Jesus
- Believe who God is and what He says
- Meditate on God's Word day and night
- Pray for strength to obey what you learn
- Ask for courage to live out the truth
- Defend biblical values in your culture
- Surround yourself with others living God's Word
- Evaluate your life using God's Word as the guide

Equip Continuously

Learn and Live God's Word

D.L. Moody said, “God did not give us the Scriptures to increase our knowledge but to change our lives.”

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:1

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

Whatever happened to Matthew Webb?

On July 24, 1883, Webb tried to swim across the Whirlpool Rapids on the Niagara River below Niagara Falls, a feat many observers considered suicidal. Accounts of the time indicate that in all likelihood Webb successfully survived the first part of the swim, but died in the section of the river located near the entrance to the whirlpool. His body was found four days later, washed up downstream. An autopsy revealed he hadn't drowned - his whole body had been crushed by the sheer pressure of the water in the whirlpool.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Matthew_Webb <https://www.mirror.co.uk/tv/tv-news/tragic-end-british-hero-who-6264183>

Adventure Embraces Risk

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“Nothing great is easy.”

- Memorial to Captain Matthew Webb

“Happy are the people whose strength is
in You, whose hearts are set on
pilgrimage.”
Psalm 84:5

