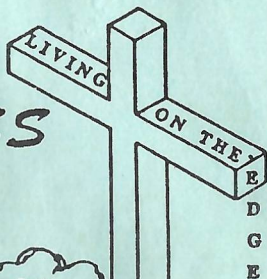


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LIVING ON THE EDGE

Too often we settle for mediocrity. "Mediocrity" in the original meaning denoted getting halfway up the mountain and becoming satisfied; going no further. Attempts to go to the edge were paralyzed by fear. As Christians we are called to the edge of the cross. Those who answer this call experience a transformation. This week you may push yourself to the edge of the cross or you may go as far as you can with Jesus. It is your choice.

LEARNINGS

LOOKING FOR THE EDGE

EXAMINE

DISPLAY

GRATITUDE

EMMANUEL

LEARNINGS FROM THE EDGE

LOOKING FOR THE EDGE

Pretend it is 5 year from now. You discover a letter concerning this week of your life. You read about the events impacting your life.

Dear Me...

I wasn't too sure at first, but Trek was...

Physically, the hardest part for me was...

The greatest fear for me was...

I grew closer to...

I grew closer to God because I...

This week I had these learning about myself...

Always with you,

Myself

EXAMINE

Lamentations 3:40 "Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the Lord."

II Corinthians 13:5 "Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves.

Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you--unless, of course, you fail the test?"

Before God can work His will in us we must first look inside and examine ourselves. We must test our motives to see if they are of God. Before we can live on the edge we must examine ourselves to see if we live for self or if we live for God.

EXAMINE YOUR FEAR

How does rappelling focus our fears?

What is the most fearful part of rappelling?

EXAMINE YOUR TRUST

What does rappelling do for your trust?

How can you show trust in God?

EXAMINE YOUR WAYS

How are you giving into fear and giving up your trust?

What do you need to trust in God?

DISPLAY

Hebrews 10:32-39

"Remember those earlier days after you had received the light, when you stood your ground in a great contest in the face of suffering. Sometimes you were publicly exposed to insult and persecution; at other times you stood side by side with those who were so treated. You sympathized with those in prison and joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property, because you knew that you yourselves had better and lasting possessions. So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. For in just a very little while,

'He who is coming will come and will not delay.

But my righteous one will live by faith.

And if he shrinks back,

I will not be pleased with him.'

But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who believe and are saved."

Now that you have examined yourself inwardly, life on the edge will require you to display it.

How were you required to display your faith today?

How did you respond?

What resources must you draw upon to continue this display of faith?

How will you be required to have a similar display back in the concrete world?

What attitudes parallel this display of faith?

GRADITUDE

Because our faith has been examined and displayed we have an attitude of gratitude for the love, grace, confidence, and joy that comes from the Lord. The realization of His doing what we had no hope of doing produces this gratitude.

Philippians 2:14-18 "Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life--in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor for nothing. But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.

Deuteronomy 8:10 "When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you."

Psalms 100 "Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

I Thessalonians 5:18 "Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 1:3-11 "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart; for whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ--to the glory and praise of God."

Psalms 92:1-2 "It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night."

Ephesians 5:20 "Always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Hebrews 12:28-29 "Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our God is consuming fire."

What relationship with someone older than you do you need to be thankful to God for?

What relationship with someone your age do you need to be thankful to God for?

What relationship with someone who is younger than you do you need to be thankful to God for?

What circumstances do you need to have an attitude of gratitude about?

What is the proper way to express this attitude to God...

What is the proper way to express this attitude about others...

How will your life be different if you live this kind of thankfulness?

Who do you need to express this to first?

When will you be first expressing this?

EMMANUEL

Matthew 1:23 "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Emmanuel--which means 'God with us.'"

John 14:18-20 "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you."

How was God with us as we worked for the summit?

What are you learning about God with us?

How will an understanding of Emmanuel transform our lives at home?

Where do you need Emmanuel the most?

What will be your first step in bringing Emmanuel there?

LEARNINGS FROM THE EDGE

Change is a process not an event!

What does your rock mean?

What are your most important learnings from the edge?

How will you commit to edge living?

What symbol will you use to remind you of this commitment?

PERSONAL