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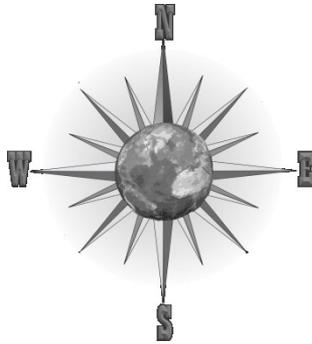
1) The points of the compass represent any direction we can go in life. It also reminds us that we cannot go any place that God is not (Psalms 139:7-12).

2- The points on the compass also remind us that men will come from all points on the globe into the kingdom of God (Luke 13:29).

2) The circle that surrounds this represents God; which is a Trinity of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In the triune God we live, move and exist. (Acts 17:28) He encompasses our life.

Together these stand for our faith that is All Terrain Faith. Faith meant for the woods, streams, hollows and ridges of life.

GETTING READY FOR THE ADVENTURES



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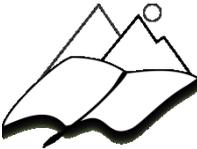
GETTING READY FOR THE ALL TERRAIN FAITH ADVENTURES

What do you need to look for in All Terrain Faith? First, each lesson is an “**Adventure.**” During each Adventure there will be things to look for along the trail. Each of these has a visual trail mark to guide you.



TOPO MAP

The Topo Map section is where you will begin to find the lay of the land. Topo Map gives us the topic or life situation. This is much like a topographical map that helps you get the feel of the terrain.



LANDSCAPE

The logo for this shows us that the Landscape section will introduce us to the location in God’s Word that we will be navigating. Understanding the landscape is always a critical part of navigating.



NAVIGATING

Adventures require navigation to find the way. In the Navigating section we will explore the main teaching of the Adventure. There will be times along the way to assess the direction God is leading.



WAY POINTS

Way Points, when you are navigating, allow the opportunity to stop and correct a direction or to find your way. Just like the way points on a GPS, the final section will allow you the opportunity for correction of course in life.

Each of the adventures, while they have these common features, will also be distinct. The length of each section will vary from Adventure to Adventure. So, get ready to enjoy the journey and allow God to develop your faith so you can take it anywhere and everywhere.

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BUILT FOR THE OFF ROAD

The mud whistled past my nose and ears in chunks as the tires dug in along the muddy trail. I was afraid to smile, at least with a toothy smile, because I didn't want a mouthful of mud. But my heart was smiling. Each corner and turn held promise of a new mud puddle in the trail. I was thankful for the rain over the last few days that made the trail muddy. Some think this is kind of weird but what did you say? Probably, cool! Are you asking, "*When can I go?*"

Unless I miss my guess, you like things with mud grip tires, heavy duty shocks and off road suspensions, do you not? The modern call of the wild may not be to dogsleds or pack mule trains but to four-wheelers and mud covered pickup trucks. It may be the game trail leading through the swamp or over the horizon into the wilderness. Something is hard wired into men to love getting off the blacktop. We are built for the off road. We relish the idea of a new trail or getting bogged down in a mud puddle. You know, the one the wife said we had no business going into. But we went anyway. When we bogged down we jumped into the mud smiling.



TOPO MAP

There are a lot of things in this world that try to make men become "*like them*" or attempt to shape men in an image that does not seem to fit. The world tugs at us to conform to the world's beliefs and actions. Society wants to set what is normal and accepted by its opinions many times shaped by a gender blurring agenda. The secular world has a set of values that is

BUILT FOR THE OFF ROAD

more often than not in conflict with the Bible. I suggest they attempt to get you on the wrong road.

So, what about religion? Do you sometimes feel that you are being asked to drive down the same highway as everyone else? The fact is, many men have checked out of church. Why? Certainly there are many factors. You may feel you were forced to go to church when you were young but when you got old enough you chose to get off the “*religion*” road. Or perhaps church never interested you and you have never been very often, if at all. You may feel there is nothing there for a man’s man. Many feel that the church is feminized to the point that it does not touch their inner masculine soul.

Does this mean that you do not or cannot love Jesus? Certainly not! I suggest that real men love Jesus, just not in the same way as some think we should. Recognizing God is hardwired into the fabric of men and it is only when we get on the right trail with God that we will find total fulfillment and enjoy life like never before. The Adventure with God is the greatest adventure a man can pursue.

So what touches your soul, the inner man? Is it authenticity, being real, genuine faith? You have come to the right place. Welcome to the “*Off Road.*” Welcome to *All Terrain Faith, Faith to Take Everywhere.*

What if I told you that God is not really interested in how, “*religious*” you are? What if you were to discover that God wants more from us than being religious? How would you feel? Would it get your attention, challenge you or scare you? Well, the truth is, that God not only wants a relationship with you but a personal relationship, one on one. He wants men to get off the “*Secular and Religious Highway*” and go off road with Him in our life journey.

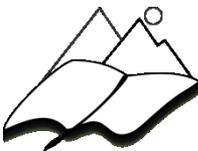
Another implication of getting “*Off Road,*” is that God wants you to get off the road where men are trying to find their own way to heaven. Many today have what we can call designer religion. They take their feelings, things they have heard or

perhaps read along with some thoughts they find acceptable from various religions and pile it all together in their mind and make their own religion. We see this from statements like, “*me and the man upstairs got an understanding.*”

“WHAT IS OFF ROAD?”

So, what do we mean by, “*Off Road?*” Lets look at some things it is not. It is not being disrespectful to the things of God and God’s people. It is not casting aside any desire to associate with others who are saved by Jesus. It certainly is not throwing out the revelation of God to man we know as the Bible.

Off Road is simply moving beyond having religion into having a relationship with God. It is moving beyond making it up as you go and getting into a relationship with God through Christ. It is moving past trying to find your own way and accepting the well-worn trail that Christ has shown us is the way to have a relationship with God in Christ.



LANDSCAPE

Our Topo Map Bible location takes us to three separate locations in the Bible on this adventure. Two men wrote in the Bible about God’s desire for all men to have a relationship with Him. One was a man named Paul who wrote to a young man named Timothy and the other was Peter. We also see from the book of Proverbs the futility of doing our own thing.

1 Timothy 2:3-4
This is good, and it pleases God our Savior, 4 who wants everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

2 Peter 3:9
The Lord does not delay His promise, as some understand delay, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance.

Proverbs 14:12
There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.



NAVIGATING

First, let's look at the Bible book of First Timothy. Paul writes to the young man Timothy and states that God desires all men be saved and know the truth. The world we live in does not have solid footing in many areas of faith. There are so many false beliefs concerning who God is and what He desires from men that it is much like building on sand. The foundation is not strong enough to support what is built upon it.

One of these is that God wants a relationship with all men but it must be within the boundaries that He has set in His Word. As much as it flies in our ego, our opinion does not matter. This is where the third part of our Scripture gives us insight. ***Proverbs 14:12 There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.*** What matters is what the only true living God of the universe thinks.

In the verse in the epistle of Peter, we see God does not want anybody to perish but wants all men, you and I included, to get the things hindering us having a relationship with Him out of the way by repentance. We will explore this more in a moment.

First, let's begin by defining what a relationship with God looks like. How would you define the word relationship?

It can be defined as knowing someone, spending time with someone, loving someone or a number of other ways. It is a connection, behavior or feeling, friendship or connection as a family. How do you think that relationship defines what God desires for you?

You might be wondering why the Creator would want a relationship with you. There are a lot of reasons that flow out of the heart of God that loves all of humanity, even you. Let's

explore the reasons why God wants to get you off the highway that is leading you to nowhere and headed toward hell.

YOU ARE A UNIQUE CREATION

First, do you realize that you are a unique creation of God? There is only one of you. How special is that. Petty awesome, is it not? God knew what you would be like before He formed you in your mother's womb. Before your conception, God knew and loved you. He knew the color of your hair and eyes, the day you would be born, the man you would grow to be at this very moment. The fact is that God created us all very unique but still in His image. The Bible says in **Genesis 1:26** **Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness. They will rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the animals, all the earth, and the creatures that crawl on the earth."**

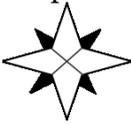
Another reason that God created us for off road, is because that is what He gave us dominion over. The sea, the animals and creatures of earth do not live on the blacktop but off the road.

Just how well does God know you? There are two verses that sum it up pretty well. First is when a man named Samuel was sent by God to anoint the second king of Israel after God rejected Saul. **1 Samuel 16:7** **But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or his stature, because I have rejected him. Man does not see what the LORD sees, for man sees what is visible, but the LORD sees the heart."**

God sees the part that many times we try to deny exists. He sees how we really feel in our heart. God sees this and still loves us.

Second, God knows you outside as well. Jesus said in **Matthew 10:30** **But even the hairs of your head have all been counted.** Nothing is hidden from Him. He knows

your fingerprints, shirt size and the side you part your hair on. There is no one else in the world like you and God wants a relationship with you. Yes, you.



WAY POINTS

RELATIONSHIP IS NOT JUST RELIGION

Many times we try to substitute one thing for another. In life sometimes this works; sometimes it does not. Some times when we substitute the wrong power for another it can get downright interesting and dangerous. Men have been going down the road of religion a long time, trying to substitute it for a relationship with God. We have every form and fashion of religion imaginable today. Remember that God is not interested in how “*religious*” you are but a relationship.

What does religion do? Most of the time it gets into a list of the things you should or should not do. Now please, do not understand that having a relationship with God means you get to make up what is right and wrong. That is religion; when men set the rules. Relationship is knowing God, who He is and seeing that He wants what is best for us.

How do we get in this relationship with God? Remember what is said in **2 Peter 3:9** about God “...**not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance.**” Repentance is realizing you are going the wrong way and turning around. It is realizing you need a relationship with God through Christ. The Bible says in **Romans 10:9-10 HCSB if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 With the heart one believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth one confesses, resulting in salvation.** If you are ready to get off road and into a relationship, here is a prayer to pray from your heart to God.

Lord Jesus, I want a relationship with You. I want to get off the road of religion and unbelief and get to know You. Come into my life and save me by your blood. Amen.

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