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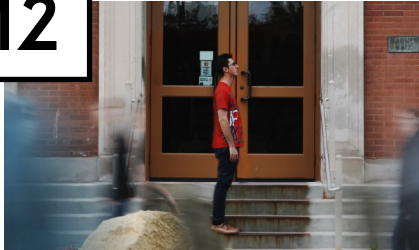
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- ⇒ **SAT 8/10** PIONEER DAYS (TRACTOR PULLS, FLEA MARKET, SILENT AUCTION, ETC.), PIONEER PARK HWY 37 & 85 PORTERVILLE RD., EAU CLAIRE, 7AM-10PM
- ⇒ **SAT 8/10** RIVERFEST: PURE WATER DAYS, CHIPPEWA FALLS MAIN STREET DOWNTOWN, 2-8PM
- ⇒ **SAT 8/17** CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR, DUNN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, RASSBACH HERITAGE MUSEUM, 9AM-3PM
- ⇒ **SAT 8/17** MASQUERADE BALL, TANGLEWOOD GREENS, MENOMONIE, WI
- ⇒ **SUN 8/25** CARSON PARK TRAIN RIDES, CARSON PARK, EAU CLAIRE, 12PM-5PM

## SEPTEMBER

- ⇒ **FRI 9/6** FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY, PHOENIX PARK, EAU CLAIRE, 11AM-7PM
- ⇒ **SAT 9/7** UW-STOUT FOOTBALL VS. ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY, 1PM
- ⇒ **SAT 9/14** INTERNATIONAL FALL FESTIVAL, DOWNTOWN EAU CLAIRE SOUTH BARSTOW ST., 11AM-5PM
- ⇒ **SAT 9/14** UW-STOUT FOOTBALL VS. GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS COLLEGE, 1PM

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# STUDENT POLL

WHAT IS THE WEIRDEST FOOD YOU HAVE EVER EATEN?

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# FINISH THIS STATEMENT

*When in Doubt, go to \_\_\_\_\_.*

## ADVICE FOR FRESHMEN FROM A FIFTH YEAR SENIOR



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Alright, so, you're now a freshman in college. A huge chapter of your life just ended, and a new one is blossoming right before you. You can smell the freedom already: you get to decide when to eat, sleep, recreate, and repeat! But is it that easy?? Here are some words of wisdom from the perspective of a 5<sup>th</sup> year senior:

### You Picked a Good One

We all know the saying our friends banter toward us, "when in doubt, go to Stout." But did you know these other sayings you could shoot back at them for choosing their schools? "When in loss, go to LaCrosse" or "When you don't care, go to Eau-Claire." You get the picture. In reality, Stout is one of the best schools in the UW school system with a job placement rate of 98.7%!<sup>1</sup> You will learn a lot throughout your 4 (or 5) years here.

### You Know What Your Parents Would Say

"Make sure you go to class!" Ah, the classic phrase you hear all the time. But hear me out, you will not be successful if you miss several classes intentionally. You will miss vital information that your classmates will get tired of telling you because you skipped class. Do you think Michael Scott missed 100% of those shots that Wayne Gretzky took by not trying? You know what, never mind. Just go to class.

### Don't Forget to Call

As a 5<sup>th</sup> year senior, I have some time and experience under my belt. One thing that I never regret doing consistently was calling my parents weekly. I know, I know, you just got out of their house and you want to be independent. And you can be! But give your mom and dad a quick call every once and awhile. I know they will appreciate it. After all, they did birth you into this world.

### Speak Up

Talk to your classmates! I know right?! You actually have to interact with others at college? Be outgoing and make some friends from class. That way, you can both fail that mid-term together AND vent about how much you dislike the professor's requirements and teaching style. As the old proverb goes, "misery loves company."

### Work Hard, Sleep Hard

The classic saying everyone and their mother tells you to do about literally anything and everything you do. But seriously, this is college. No one is going to hold you accountable except yourself. So, apply yourself, read your syllabi, and pay attention. There's plenty of time for play along the way. Also make sure you're making sleep a priority, because no one likes to function on 4 hours of sleep, trust me.

### Eat Yo' Greens!

Eat some dang fruits and vegetables! I know you're excited about the all-you-can-eat dining hall, but your aging metabolism and the dreaded 'freshman 15' are not. Utilize the unlimited fruits and vegetables that the salad bar provides in the Commons! These foods will give you excellent vitamins and minerals needed to sustain life as an adult and to feel good along the way. Eating pints of ice cream in your PJs is sometimes a good idea, but not always.

And there you have it, some applicable tips from a senior who's been around the block one too many times. Enjoy your time at Stout. It really does go by faster than you think.

<sup>1</sup>uwstout.edu/academics/career-services/career-outcomes



# LITTLE LAMB

**O**nce upon a time, Mary had a little Lamb. This little Lamb was pure as snow. Everywhere that Mary went the Lamb was sure to follow. He did everything with Mary. He loved her above all. One day on the way

home from school the Lamb pushed her down. Mary was hurt and crying, but when she looked up, she saw her sweet little Lamb, that loved her so, black as night laying in the road. He suffered in her place, for she did not look both ways and the Lamb was run

over by a bus on its way from school. That little Lamb lay dying in the road taking on Mary's fate. Mary's little Lamb had saved her life. He made the ultimate sacrifice, giving her a chance to live out her life knowing she had been saved.

# BLOODBATH & BATTLE SCARS

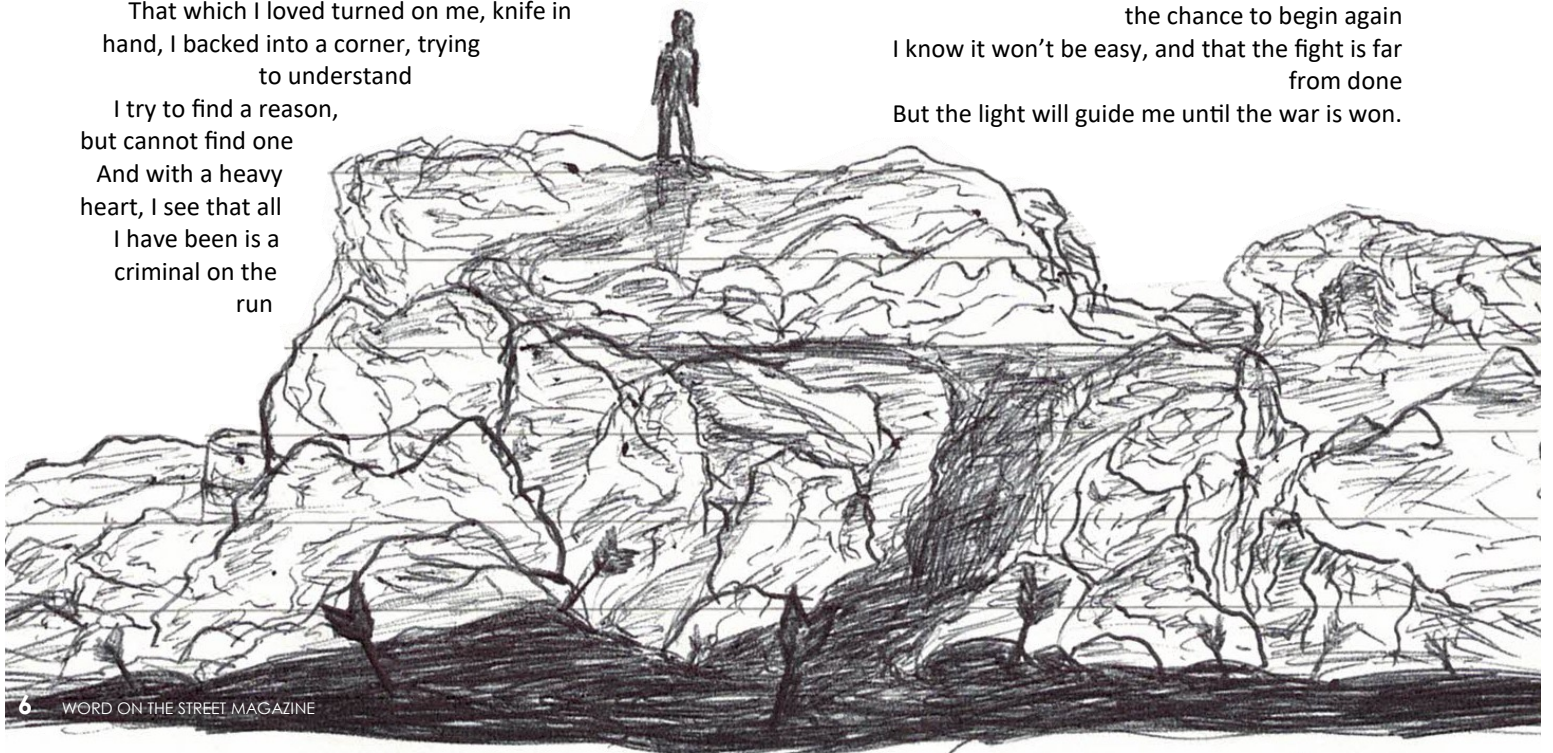
Smoke has cleared from the night before  
 From a love that broke out into war  
 I sustained wounds that cut deep to my core  
 Because I tried to win what was inevitably a loss, and could not be more  
 As I look around the battlefield, I see so much blood has been shed, staining the soil a deep, deep red

Why did it come to this?  
 Why was I fighting so hard for something not meant to be acquired?  
 Why did I come this far, just to come to a bloodbath and battle scars?

That which I loved turned on me, knife in hand, I backed into a corner, trying to understand  
 I try to find a reason, but cannot find one  
 And with a heavy heart, I see that all I have been is a criminal on the run

I paid no forbearance to the future pain that would be faced  
 Rather, I simply chose to look the other way  
 I pretended not to see that which was clearly in sight: casualties, broken trust, and hopeless dreams which turned to dust

Now I sit on the shore, everything broken apart  
 With remorse, heavy as an anchor, weighing on my heart  
 I lift my head to the horizon's edge, and I see the dawn break over it—a reminder that the darkest nights are always won over by the light  
 I feel hope well up within, and I know that I have the chance to begin again  
 I know it won't be easy, and that the fight is far from done  
 But the light will guide me until the war is won.



# One girl's TRIP STORY

## TACOS, TYPEWRITERS, AND TRUTH

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There was a point in my life that I believed that I was a Christian. I went to church inconsistently, got baptized, wore cringey Christian t-shirts...the whole deal. It all started when I was a kid. I repeated the "salvation prayer" and told my friend about it, only to have been intimidated into stopping by an older kid. But eventually, I forsook Christianity for a profession of agnosticism, soothing my conscience with arguments/lies and hiding my past because of my own wickedness. Simply put, I made a home in an illusive world of lies. In reality, I didn't know the truth. Let's be real: I don't think I wanted to know the truth.

In college I attended and tried a couple of Christian organizations, however, it didn't last. I was determined to get a music degree; it was my dream. Those student organizations got in the way of that dream. Foolishly, I believed wholeheartedly that I could do anything I put my mind to and that my dream would make me happy. After studying at a couple of colleges, I was accepted into the University of Minnesota Duluth (UMD). I almost didn't transfer to UMD. However, right before the fall semester began, my friend group dissolved into almost nothing, none of us being in the right. I struggled with depression, anxiety, and suicidal thoughts, pushing everyone away that hadn't already walked away. So I transferred to UMD. In my mind, it was a way out.

My first year at UMD, I came across a WOTS magazine. I eagerly grabbed it because of the guitarist on the cover, hoping to get a glimpse into the local music scene. However, I think I uttered something like, "Ugh, a Christian magazine!" as I tossed it back on the rack. Proudful? Believe me, I know.



Unbeknownst to me, the following year two people and a typewriter would mark the beginning of the best thing that ever happened to me: God. Out of obedience to God one man and a young lady set up an information table at UMD. The typewriter on their table caught my eye. To my surprise, they were from a church but seemed to be really genuine people. They invited me to eat tacos with them at their church. I was struck by the people at that church; they were different. I started going to a student organization called Street Level since it was connected to their church. When I told them I was agnostic, out of my own evil desires and motives, they lovingly let me come and see truth for myself as God continued to work. That church is now my family and home.

**"THROUGH THE BIBLE, RESEARCH, AND WATCHING THESE WEIRDO CHRISTIANS INTERACT WITH EACH OTHER, THE TRUTH WAS SEEPING INTO MY LIFE."**

Through the Bible, research, and watching these weirdo Christians interact with each other, the truth was seeping into my life. God was showing me the truth! There was one particular night that I went to church and knew I needed to talk to someone. God is real, and that scared me. My pastor was very patient and kind, explaining the gospel. However, for a while, I felt overwhelmed and unsettled. I didn't want Jesus; that was the awful, gut-wrenching reality for me. So I prayed that He would change me. He did! The reality of my sinful nature in my life became very apparent to me. It freaked me out. I deserve hell and am completely doomed in my own efforts. But I knew of the only One who could do something. Nonetheless, I didn't want a superficial easing of my conscience. So I prayed for saving faith, asking that, if He was willing, He would save me. He did.

After that year God called me to UW-Superior. My major, dream school (UMD), and plans for graduate studies were tossed away. I took a job that paid way less. I paid to go to freshman orientation (as an upperclassman) and pursued any other opportunity I could to meet students. What I once worked so hard for (my dreams) was cheap rubbish, to say the least. I wanted God! It blows my mind because God pursued me. Let me be clear: I'm a mess. I don't deserve any of His mercy and grace. He had more than every right to not save me, but He did. It's worth it to God to save us. It was also worth it to two faithful people who obeyed His call. And now it's my life's joy that I get to do the same. Honestly, it's been hard; there have been many times I've cried on the floor in a corner. But, it's been the best year of my life; vibrant and full... actual life. Not only do I get to spend all eternity in the presence of the God of creation, but I get to serve Him and partake in His goodness through all the good times and the hard times for the rest of my life. I get to treasure that! Simply put, it is the privilege and the joy of my life. Man, God is good.

-MK



TUNE INTO 101.7 FM  
IN MENOMONIE

# QUARTERLY MUSIC BEAT

AN UPDATE FROM OUR FRIENDS AT BURNING DOG RADIO

## THE MENOMONIE MUSIC SCENE

AND WHAT EVERY STUDENT NEEDS TO KNOW



Menomonie is full of opportunities to express yourself, whether that be in crafty ways, caffeine-y ways, or musical ways. Though we are “small college town,” there is actually much more than meets the eye. Burning Dog Radio is Menomonie’s only radio station, and we cater to the college and the student’s music taste. So, if you’re a new student, you have laid your eyes upon a good article. Burning Dog Radio’s DJs have done their best to find the best places in town to see live music, and we’re here to pass it on to you. Take good care of it.

### THE BLIND MUNCHIES COFFEEHOUSE

This underground coffeehouse is home to Burning Dog Radio! They generously play our music, but they also host bands from the region every semester. Bands range from Yam Haus, Ryan Lee Jones, Harbor and Home, Ben Noble, Fox and Swallow, and more! Genres usually range from rock to indie. This place is probably one of the neatest venues/coffee shops in town

because of its vintage atmosphere, painted hallways, and delicious bakery. Check out their Facebook page for events. Cost: \$0

### THE RAW DEAL

The Raw Deal is a coffee shop located on the corner of Broadway St. and 6th Ave in downtown. They serve a variety of coffee drinks, fresh juice and smoothies, and some great live music throughout every season. Music genres vary per artist that plays, but that means no matter your preference, there is always something for everyone. Indie, folk, rock, psychedelic rock, quartets, and more play on Thursdays and Fridays. Check out their events on their Facebook page. Cost: \$0

### THE ACOUSTIC CAFE

They have hoagies. They have coffee. They have root beer. They have live music too! Check out the Acoustic for hometown and homegrown music from the area, usually on Friday nights. Music genres are usually folkish, Americana, and indie. Look up their Facebook for their events. Cost: \$0

### THE ABBEY

The Abbey is a lesser-known venue space. The basement of the bar-restaurant often hosts EDM (electronic dance music). This is some good dance music. The gym? Never knew her. EDM is a workout, and it’s more fun. Look for their shows on Facebook. Disclaimer: the venue is 21+ after 9pm. Cost: \$0 (unless stated otherwise)

### THE MSC AT UW-STOUT

Every Thursday night (yes, you heard me right), Blue Devil Productions hosts two bands in the Fireside Lounge in the MSC. The first Thursday of every month they have an open mic. They do a really good job at booking a variety of musical guests. Genres range from rap, indie, metal, hip hop, EDM, country, alternative rock, and more. The MSC is on the corner of 3rd St. and 10th St. on the UW-Stout campus. Shows always start at 8pm and usually go until 10pm. Find the concerts at [www.bdp.uwstout.edu](http://www.bdp.uwstout.edu). Cost: \$0



# missions

## *Not Vacation*

USING YOUR TIME OFF FOR GOD'S KINGDOM



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Going to Kentucky with my campus ministry this past spring break was a full week of unglamorous labor, home repair, close quarters living, and a lot of correction...beneficial correction. Getting involved in missions is spiritually, mentally, and physically challenging, but it is also inspiring, eye-opening, joyful, and can be life-changing if you allow it. It's worth giving up time, money, and effort to see God work in big ways so far from home. That's because it's not just an experience or adventure to chase or to be had, but an opportunity to be near God in new and unexpected ways.

Why was digging holes and hanging drywall for a week worth it? Because we got to connect with strangers in need, bless them, and show them love. God is a beautiful Artist and Author, weaving things together in grand ways we are unaware of. I believe He will make something great and beautiful with the time He allowed us to spend in that small mountain town. God's Kingdom is big, and we are blessed for the opportunity to help it grow.

And if you're not able to be God's hands and feet out in the field anytime soon, that's okay! You can still be involved in missions by praying for missionaries around

the globe and being a strong, faithful, and active member of your church at home. There's something to be said about those who stay and guard the house while others go out to the field and fight.

Missions is about being God's hands and feet, not about going to have a good time, even though fun will still be had. You'll inevitably be confronted with your shortcomings, and shown how God can still work in spite of them. If you've been on a missions trip in the past, or are maybe even coming back to fall semester from being on a summer trip, you probably know the highs and struggles of working for God so intensely. Now that the trip is over, it can be easy to lose steam because once the bags are unpacked, the familiar sets in. Routine reappears and we let down our guards. We fall back to our default setting. Resist the urge to slip back into the mundane. Fight. Once you're back on home turf, think like the trip isn't really over - because it really isn't. Do you interact with people every day? Of course! There will always be someone you know who may not know the good news of Jesus Christ. Take heart, keep working, and "fight the good fight of faith" (1 Timothy 6:12, NKJV).

# LEAVING THE NEST:

## Church Edition

### HOW TO FIND A CHURCH OUTSIDE OF THE ONE YOU WENT TO WHEN YOU LIVED AT HOME



We live in a culture consumed by choices: from entertainment to job selections, to even what we should be concerned about in our day to day activities. On top of that, we schedule our lives out through the minute. On the flip side, some of us hold out on making decisions until the very last second. Being involved in a church community and having a relationship with Christ, however, is one decision that can't be placed on hold because we're not sure, or put off because we're too busy.

If you're thinking, *"But I have a church back home, what gives?"* you're not alone. However, consider a few things about what you're missing out on if you neglect to find a church where you are.

#### COMMUNITY

Remember, the church isn't a place, it's people. We need each other. We are not called to do church alone. 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 talks about being one church body with many members. Verse 14 specifically says, "For the body does not consist of one member but of many" (ESV). Here, the apostle Paul uses the analogy of a human body to describe the church. We can't all go to a church expecting to be hands! What Paul is saying here is that each of us belongs to a local church where we can actively love each other by living out the function we're made for within the body of believers. This

inevitably invites diversity: different personalities, different life experiences, and different spiritual gifts. Christ is the head of the body, the church, which means you are not being yourself if you're not involved in a local church. We can't do church alone. We need people. We need other members of the body so that we all together can be a body. We need a group of people who will love us, challenge us, grow with us, and live life with us. People who will never accept "fine" as an answer to the question: how are you doing?

**"WE CAN'T ALL GO TO CHURCH EXPECTING TO BE HANDS!"**

#### TEACHING

We are to grow in grace (2 Peter 3:18). Think of it this way: in college, we are introduced to all kinds of secular, global, and relevant authors of all kinds of issues. We should do the same for our faith. However, this doesn't mean we can live off of podcasts, college ministries, and home studies - that would be like

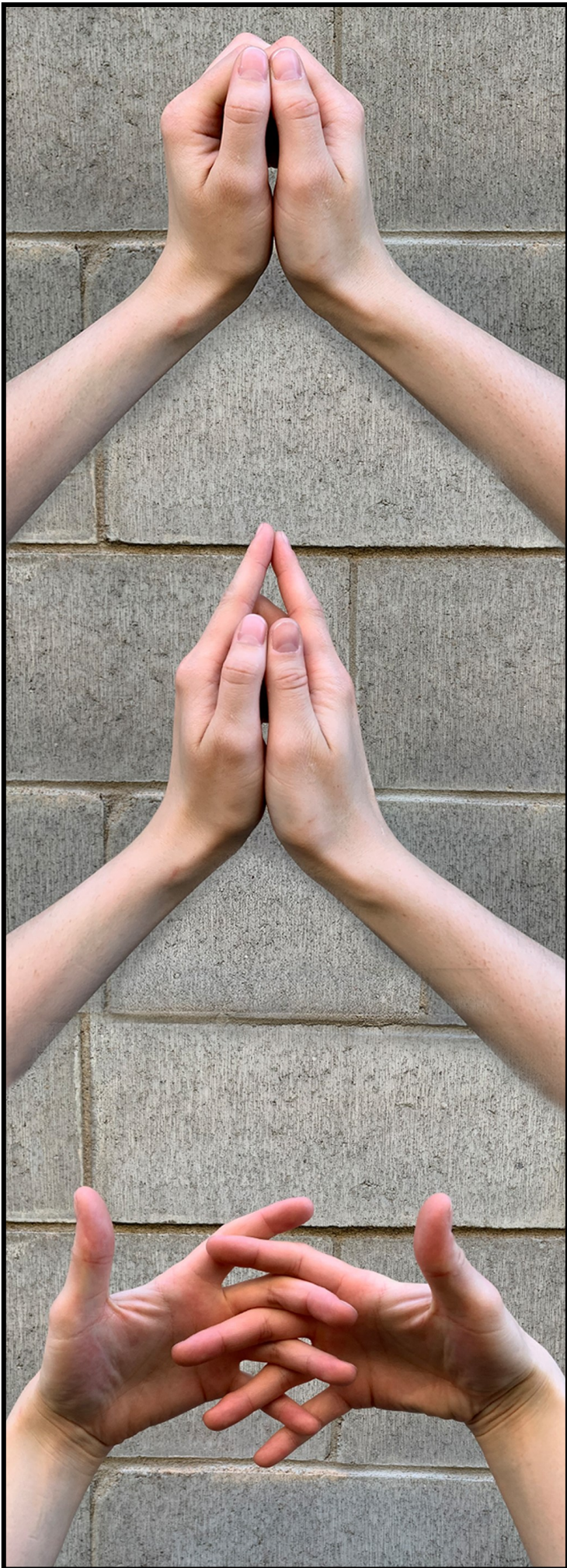
eating dessert for the rest of your life. You'd enjoy it for the first couple of meals, but all that sugar would eventually make you get fat and go insane. You need substance, like grains, proteins, and vegetables. You need biblically-rooted pastors, elders, and other church leaders who have followed Christ longer than you to help you live life the way God calls us to. We need biblically sound teaching from a local church that keeps us rooted and growing in Christ right where we actually live.

#### ACCOUNTABILITY

Sin will always be overpowering even though we want to do good (Romans 7:17-19). But it's not okay to give into it over and over again; we are called to address the sins of the day, today (Hebrews 3:12-13). How comforting it is to find a church body where we also know that they are experiencing similar struggles against sin (see 1 Peter 5:6-9)! Being connected to a church means you're connected to people who will not only help point out sin issues in your life, but will also encourage you, laugh with you, and live life with you.

#### CORPORATE WORSHIP

We are designed to worship God (Psalm 100) but it cannot be fully realized on our own (Hebrews 10:25). Corporate worship allows us to sing praise to God together, which glorifies Him and reminds us of who we really are in light of His power. Of course we are called to worship God



on our own, too, but it is part of the function (and the joy!) of the church to worship Him together as a body.

Certain areas have only one church in their community whereas others have as many churches as there are bars, if not more. How then do we know which church to attend?

#### *Ask God First*

Before we even begin searching for a church community, we should seek out what God's opinion is. Be willing to ask Him where it is and with whom. Be willing to ask Him where you will get to know Him best, where you are meant to live out the trials and disappointments that life will bring, and where you will ultimately experience the most joy in Him as you grow in obedience and love.

#### *Stand on the Word*

Are they scripturally sound? Do they teach from the Bible? Are the leaders actively rerouting you to His Word?

#### *Do Your Research*

Talk to people in your community including other college students. Ask them where they attend and why. Go beyond surface level questions by asking: What has God shown you at the church you attend? What parts of His character and your character has He shown to you in the last year? Or even five years?

#### *Commit Yourself to Them*

Make a commitment to a local church. Show up, serve, and become actively involved. Pastor John Piper from *Desiring God* put it like this, "*I don't think Jesus died to create unattached, free-floating Christians. I think He died to create the Church where the real true individuality [of] every believer comes into its own. The more disconnected we are from a local church, the more confused we will be about who we are, who God made us be. We find our true individual selves in relationship with others.*"<sup>1</sup> This means it's pointless to hop from church to church, picking out pieces from each that we enjoy. You'll lose the community, accountability, and teaching from a church because God has designed us to be committed to just one. You'll be even more lost than when you first started! Commit to a local church and see what God has in store for you and your surrounding community. Your home church simply isn't a placebo for where God wants you to be now.

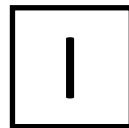
Leaving what is comfortable is always hard. The job you love, your parents' home, and even the church you grew up in. But if you're serious about loving God, then you need a church to call home in the place that you are right now. What are you waiting for?

<sup>1</sup>[www.desiringgod.org/interviews/should-i-commit-to-one-church](http://www.desiringgod.org/interviews/should-i-commit-to-one-church)



# WHY THE WAIT?

TANGLED IN THE WEB  
OF WANTING  
EVERYTHING NOW



It was game seven of the NBA finals. My teammates and I had easily taken the first three games of the series but hastily dropped the last three. Now, with a grim .7 seconds left, the ball was passed right to me. Everything depended on this moment. I tossed up a three, and it was nothing but net! Victory was sweet! This was the tenth championship in a row I won, and it came just in time because right then my mother called me for dinner. Nowadays, making a dream a reality isn't as simple as "getting there in your mind" like it was when I was eight-years-old playing in my backyard. Instead, as we grow older, these ambitions change and morph into something more realistic. As

adults we understand that reality likely doesn't include becoming a sports superstar, but we do assume a nice, quiet life will be ours with a little hard work. However, when life doesn't give us some version of that sensible dream (job, spouse, decent social status), what's our reaction? More often than not, we're impatient people who just want what we want. So, what exactly is God's desire for us when it comes to the contrast between what we want right now and what *He* wants for us?

## QUESTIONING GOD'S GOODNESS

As a child of God, doubt will inevitably creep in when life doesn't take off as expected. Make no mistake, the Christian is at war with himself. Divisive thoughts and feelings of mistrust aimed at God can occur when we don't trust Him with every aspect of our life, including the disappointing ones: when the tenth interview still yields no job offer, when the fiancé breaks up with us, when our parents get sick and we're still financially dependent on them, etc. It's hard to remember in the middle of this that God loves you, and that He alone knows every variable of your circumstances. He ultimately knows the best route for you through this life, and you don't. "The commandments of the LORD are right, bringing joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are clear, giving insight for living. Reverence for the LORD is pure, lasting forever. The laws of the LORD are true; each one is fair. They are more desirable



# “INSTEAD OF FOLLOWING WHAT YOU FEEL, CONSIDER A PLAN THAT IS THOUGHT OUT AND LIVED WITH PURPOSE.”

than gold, even the finest gold. They are sweeter than honey, even honey dripping from the comb” (Psalm 19:9-10, NLT). Scriptures like these can either be comforting or unnerving. *Is the LORD more desirable than gold, or do we just want the gold?*

The problem with believing “life will go the way I want it to because I’m a Christian and I worked hard for it” is that our idea of success is tainted. Success isn’t the state of your bank account, how hot your significant other is, or how healthy you are. Success is having the highest confidence in God and the strongest faith *no matter what happens*. “Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him” (Job 13:15a, NKJV). We have to remember that He never promised an easy, breezy life, but He promised to be there with us, and He really truly is the greatest treasure we could ever possess. Can you imagine what would happen if He instantly gave you everything you ever desired? We would have no relationship with God because we wouldn’t recognize our need for Him! It’s exactly because He loves you, He will never bless you so richly that you forget about Him.

## HIS WAYS TAKE A LONG TIME

“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope” (Jeremiah 29:11, NKJV) A beautiful verse. When considered, it surely makes you feel like God’s about to give you what you want. It sounds like no matter what our desires, God is looking to bless us in pursuit of them. But our desires are quickly challenged when you back up and read verse 10 in that same chapter. “For thus says the LORD: After seventy years are completed at Babylon, I will visit you and perform My good word toward you, and cause you to return to this place” (Jeremiah 29:10, NKJV). Captivity? Probably not what the Israelites had in mind! These Israelites really wanted to go home and here God was saying they surely would... after 70 LOOONG years.

Much like the Israelites, God wants to take you to places unforeseen and unimagined, but it won’t be through the channels you had in mind, or in the timing you expect. There is a Christian adage that says God gives three answers to prayer: yes, no, or later. It’s true. It’s wonderful when God

says yes and we move forward into that promise. It’s also somewhat easy to accept when God says no; at least you can mourn it and get on with your life. It’s really, really hard when God says later. It’s through an answer like this that we are to learn more about God and apply His ways, thoughts, and actions to our life because as Christians, we are always in progress. God is working in us and on us, which is a process called sanctification. We have been set apart, and this work continues until we die and the work is made whole. God is interested in developing our character and our faith in Him, but because we’re fixated on instant gratification, it can feel like the worst answer in the world, especially if in the end that later becomes a no. Will you trust Him even then? You won’t if you waste your waiting period by ignoring what He’s trying to do with you in the meantime.

## WILL YOU WAIT FOR HIM?

Even many professionals in the world with little to no regard for the Almighty can see the benefits of delayed gratification and the destruction instant gratification brings. Dr Ilene Strauss in her article “The Benefits of Delaying Gratification” featured on psychologytoday.com states, “The way I see it, there are two paths we can take in any given situation: one is the path of avoiding pain at the moment, and the other is the more difficult path of delaying pleasure for a bigger purpose. Our cultural norms encourage us to seek Band-Aid solutions and temporary comforts – basically, whatever it takes to ease our discomfort for now.” She goes on to write, “Regardless of what our developmental stages dictate, most adults have a complicated relationship with pleasure. We spend considerable time and money pursuing pleasure now instead of delaying gratification for a greater reward later.”

Life is short for a human, so it’s only natural that pleasure drives our motivations. But, it’s worth the wait. Take time to recognize that you’re susceptible to being ruled by instant gratification. If we’re honest a few things come to our minds, right? Examples include grabbing fast food instead of shopping for groceries, lusting after someone we literally just met, or buying more clothes when we really should be saving up our cash. Oftentimes we’re knee deep in whatever it is

before it clicks in our heads and hearts that we're *going that way again*. Work towards keeping your conscience alive because giving control over to these things will dull it into ineffectiveness. Before you know it, you'll be spending your energies wallowing in guilt and shame or working hard to justify our actions with false truths that give only temporary relief. "That you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness" (Ephesians 4:22-24, NKJV).

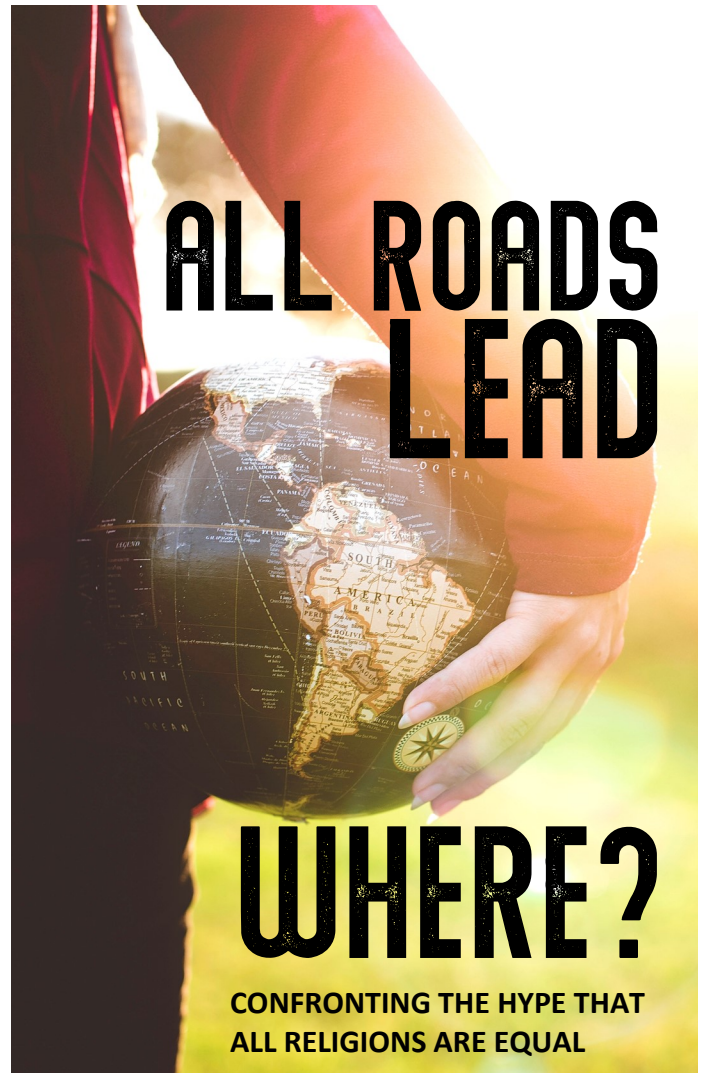
Instead of following what you feel, consider a plan that is thought out and lived with purpose. Yes suffering, yes heartache, but nothing outside of what a person will face with or without Christ. The difference? It's a life of calling and meaning that cannot be for anyone else because His call is for you and you alone. Salvation comes from grace alone, but if there is no effort on your part to keep in step with God's will, then your love for God should be called into question. Living a life of faith in God is incompatible with any form of "quick fix." There is no "just add water." There is no righteousness in a onetime altar call and then a life lived no

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differently than the general population.

#### **LIVE FOR THE END GAME**

It would be so much easier if we could just work on being thankful for all the things God gives us instead of striving to remain faithful through all the things He doesn't give us. However, the irony about the legacy of a Christian is that it is not our legacy that is to be pursued, it's His! How much of Christ will people remember because of you after you're dead and gone? The things you held in such high esteem will be forgotten, and that's why God is so gracious for not giving us everything we want. There's no high score for stuff achieved that will make us more accepted in His Kingdom. It's a willing, shapeable heart that God is after. That's an honorable legacy. Will people look at your legacy and see Christ? Or will they see a self-fulfilled person? God has never changed once, and in fact, He never will, but He does expect us to learn and change and grow as we become more and more like Him. If you trust Him, that is more valuable than a life lived in pursuit of the next quick fix. Slow down, and learn to enjoy what He's doing.



If you were asked what you believe about God, could you answer? Did you grow up in one of the major world religions or did you grow up void of religion? Regardless, you have stories and experiences of what you believe in. We all do.

But, if you were asked why you believe what you do, could you answer as quickly or with as much meaning? A common answer to why we have certain beliefs is "because of my parents," or "because I was born in a certain part of the world." While these answers may be true, they are not that deep. Surely matters of the soul, the sincerest of our beliefs, have deeper roots in us than that. Yet, many of us have a tough time articulating, or even knowing, why we believe what we do.

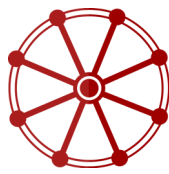
With help from National Geographic, we've compared the major world religions on their views of the origin of man, the topic of good and evil, notable leaders, and their views on eternity. When laid out in black and white, it's easy to see that all of these religions are very different and they are not "many paths that lead to the top of the mountain."



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HINDISM



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SECULAR HUMANISM (ATHEISM)

OVERVIEW	IS MAN GOOD OR EVIL?	NOTABLE LEADER	AFTERLIFE
 <p>God created people to live in harmonious community with Him. Today mankind is separated from God and in need of His rescue.</p>	<p>Adam and Eve, having free will, chose to sin against God. From then on, Man has been inherently evil and wicked.</p>	<p>Jesus Christ, God in the flesh, was perfect and sinless. Through His undeserved crucifixion He took our place and the punishment for our sins.</p>	<p>If we believe the truth about our need for a Savior, we will spend eternity with Jesus and other believers in Heaven.</p>
 <p>Allah is viewed as the source of all good and all evil. He is a powerful judge, who will be merciful depending on the sufficiency of a believer's good works and religious devotion.</p>	<p>Muslims reject the doctrine of original sin and believe people are responsible for their own deeds.</p>	<p>Allah's message was given to numerous prophets, including Noah, Abraham, Moses, Elijah, and Jesus, and other prophets common to Christianity and Judaism. Muhammad, is the most revered.</p>	<p>The Koran teaches a glorious afterlife for the righteous or hellfire and destruction for anyone else.</p>
 <p>Buddhism has no origin story for creation. It is indifferent to traditional gods and believes that only the individual is responsible for truth.</p>	<p>Man's actions can be evil, but through righteous living can be overcome.</p>	<p>Buddhists follow the instruction of the Buddha, Siddhartha Gautama, who went on a quest for enlightenment around the sixth century BC.</p>	<p>Reincarnation into another person or animal happens continually until the state of Bodhi (true enlightenment) is reached.</p>
 <p>33 million gods are worshiped. The main three that work in a trinity are Brahma (creator), Vishnu (sustainer), and Shiva.</p>	<p>Karma teaches that what one has done in a past life (good or evil) will manifest in the next.</p>	<p>Mahatma Gandhi preached "ahimsa" (nonviolence to living beings) and was assassinated in 1948.</p>	<p>A Hindu's goal, through successive rebirths, is to gain spiritual ascent and nearness with Brahman.</p>
 <p>Jews believe in the Yahweh of the Old Testament and believe Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph are the patriarchs of the faith.</p>	<p>Practicing Jews agree that we are born with a sinful nature.</p>	<p>Jews heavily revere the prophets of the Old Testament. Most do not recognize Jesus as God who came in the flesh.</p>	<p>Jewish ideas of the afterlife can vary depending on which camp they fall in and how close they keep with tradition.</p>
 <p>The origin of man is found through science and the theory of evolution. The Big Bang Theory is readily accepted.</p>	<p>Man is born neutral and his genetics and choices in life determine whether he is good or evil.</p>	<p>Richard Dawkins and Christopher Hitchens are prolific writers that have been influential in the last century.</p>	<p>There is no life after death. We cease to exist.</p>

A common thread among many of the world religions is the idea that we can achieve personal morality on our own, that we can be a kind person and that's good enough. Christianity is unique because it vehemently insists that we can't. We are wicked at heart, and there is nothing we can achieve on our own that will bring us closer to God. Jesus is God, and He is the

only god who came to us. Furthermore, His coming was motivated by the purest love this world has ever known. We are only capable of loving God, or anyone else, because He first loved us (1 John 4:19).

Knowing the basic facts about each religion is only the beginning. The rest is up to you. Dig deep, find the

answers to your questions, and realize what motivates your beliefs. It's one of the most significant things you could do because, in the end, we'll be responsible for what we choose to believe or not believe.

"Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve" (Joshua 24:15, NKJV).

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# YOU NEED FRIENDS NOT LIKE YOU

## 3 REASONS AGE IS A DIVIDE WORTH CROSSING

**H** Humans tend to find similar things and group them together. From an early age, we're taught to categorize by all sorts of identifiers: color, shape, size, gender, age... Categorizing is one of the ways we make sense of the world around us. It's efficient to organize fruit at the supermarket so you can quickly find what you're looking for. It's logical to group by age in school so teaching can be customized to the developmental stage of each grade level. There are times where grouping is helpful, but sometimes sticking to your prescribed category is more damaging than not. We recognize cultural diversity is a good thing, but age is a divide that seems uncomfortable to cross. The people we consider "friends" tend to be around the same age, in similar life situations, and are more similar to us than they are different.

It's only natural that we seek friendship with people our same age. We meet them in school and we grow up together. With people our same age, our day-to-day schedules are roughly the same so it can be easy

to find a convenient time to get together. Let's be real: it can be awkward to talk with people who are older or much younger than us. *They're old and I'm not. What would we talk about? They're married and I'm single. They have kids and their life is busy. What common interests could we possibly have?* There are plenty of reasons to stick to our own age bubble, but we will miss out on the opportunity to learn from people who are different from us.

Our culture has mastered the art of being surface level. Friendship can be as casual as touching an "add" or "follow" button, but we need to call these what they are: mere acquaintances. We might get more and more "friends" and we're still lonely. The truth is, we need the intimacy genuine friendship provides, but that requires a willingness on our part to be known more deeply than we have before. Real friendship is being there for other people and letting other people be there for you through thick and thin. God created us and knows we thrive in community. In a body of believers, a local church, the unity we gain from our shared love for Jesus breaks down the barriers of age.

We've been brainwashed into thinking the church is anything but beautiful. Our experience of the church may not match the biblical description given for what God wants His church to look like. Maybe the church in your mind is full of people over 55. In the Bible, God's church is described as dynamic and made up of people of different ages, locations, and life circumstances. It's far deeper than just another social club. Following that example, here are three reasons I want to encourage you to embrace intergenerational friendship.

### 1 YOU HAVE THINGS TO LEARN FROM THOSE WHO ARE OLDER THAN YOU.

The Bible instructs us to learn from men and women who have been walking with the Lord longer than we have (Titus 2:3-5). It also says that true wisdom comes from Heaven (James 3:17, NKJV), and someone who has been seeking to know God in a personal way for many years will have had times where they needed to seek wisdom from God and apply it to their own life situation. We would be fools to not invite older believers into our lives and decisions to hear what they have to say. I have personally been blessed by friendships with older women in my church. They have reminded me of God's goodness and faithfulness in my moments of doubt and shared with



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me how God has provided for them in their own lives. They’ve prayed with me for God’s direction in my life and pushed me to try new things.

## 2 DISCIPLESHIP IS A TWO-WAY STREET.

The definition of “disciple” is one who believes his doctrine, rests on his sacrifice, imbibes his spirit, and imitates his example.”<sup>1</sup> Christian discipleship, then, is both learning from those who are ahead of you in their walk with God *and* teaching newer believers about maturing in faith. Just as we look to those before us for leadership, we’re also called to be an example to those who come behind us. In the book of 1 Timothy, Paul writes to a young Timothy to not, “let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity” (NLT). Pray about how God might use you to be a friend to someone younger than you. Your account of who God is may be exactly what they need to better understand the Gospel. This doesn’t mean we stop learning for ourselves – we must mature and keep moving forward, but we also need to recognize that God saved us so that we might strengthen others.

## 3 BEING AROUND OTHER PEOPLE NOT EXACTLY LIKE US RELIEVES THE PRESSURE OF PERFORMANCE AND SUCCESS.

Ever noticed how you don’t really care what you look like when you hang out with a grandparent? The pressure to look good and be near perfect is typically felt most strongly around people our own age. We find ourselves comparing our lives to our peers and feel defeated when it doesn’t match the norm. Even more

dangerously, we look at what other people are doing with their lives and copy that instead of living out our own story, the one God wrote for us specifically. Try spending time with someone older or younger than you. You might be surprised at how freeing it is to just enjoy life together instead of worrying about having to “look good.”

Picture yourself standing alone in a room of total darkness. Would you be less afraid if you could hear the voice of someone you trust in the room with you? I know I would. An NBC News article titled *In Good Company: Why We Need Other People to be Happy* said, “...according to biology, neuroscience, psychology, and more, our bodies actually tend to work better when we’re not alone. Being lonely has been linked to worse physical and emotional health outcomes and poorer wellbeing. Plus, a lack of social support can directly affect our potential for experiencing happiness.”<sup>2</sup> Humans really are better together. Deep friendships, no matter the age, are essential to your wellbeing. God designed you for intimacy with Him *and* with other people. All this will take time; friendships don’t happen overnight. It will require vulnerability and effort on our part, but I can speak from experience that diverse friendships are a unique blessing. It’s pretty amazing what God can do with friends *not* like you.



<sup>1</sup>biblestudytools.com/dictionaries/eastons-bible-dictionary/disciple.html

<sup>2</sup>nbcnews.com/better/health/good-company-why-we-need-other-people-be-happy-ncna836106

# WAS JESUS A FEMINIST?

## HOW JESUS VALUES WOMEN



When Jesus was born, Judea was under the rule of the Roman empire.<sup>1</sup> In Rome, women were not considered equal to men before the law. They were also obliged to keep a male guardian unless they had three or more children.<sup>2</sup> Jesus broke the customs of society with His treatment of women and gave them value, and yet some people today view Christianity as oppressive to women. If we look at how Jesus treated women you might be surprised to find something different.

### JESUS SHOWS RESPECT AND CARE FOR WOMEN

Jesus encountered a Samaritan woman at a well in John 4 and asks her for a drink of water. This surprised her because "... Jews have no dealings with Samaritans" (John 4:9, NKJV). We even see that His disciples "... marveled that He talked with a woman..." (John 4:27, NKJV). Through Jesus' interaction with the Samaritan woman, she comes to the understanding of who Jesus really is and even brings other people to meet Him. We see that Jesus not only shows that He cared about her soul; He breaks the societal norms to do so, which is demonstrated through the woman and His disciples' reactions to Him.

### JESUS HAD WOMEN DISCIPLES

We often hear of the 12 Disciples that were male followers of Jesus, but did you know that Jesus also had disciples that were women? We see an example of this in Luke 8:1-3. In this passage, Jesus brings the 12 disciples and women with Him while He "... went through every city and village, preaching and bringing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God" (Luke 8:1, NKJV). These women were not just following Jesus around, but they were ministering to Him. Jesus also disciplined women by teaching them scriptures. Mary sat at Jesus' feet in Luke 10 "...and heard His word" (Luke 10:39, NKJV). Teaching women scripture was not something that was practiced by the rabbis in the time that Jesus was alive, so again we discover that He was breaking societal norms.

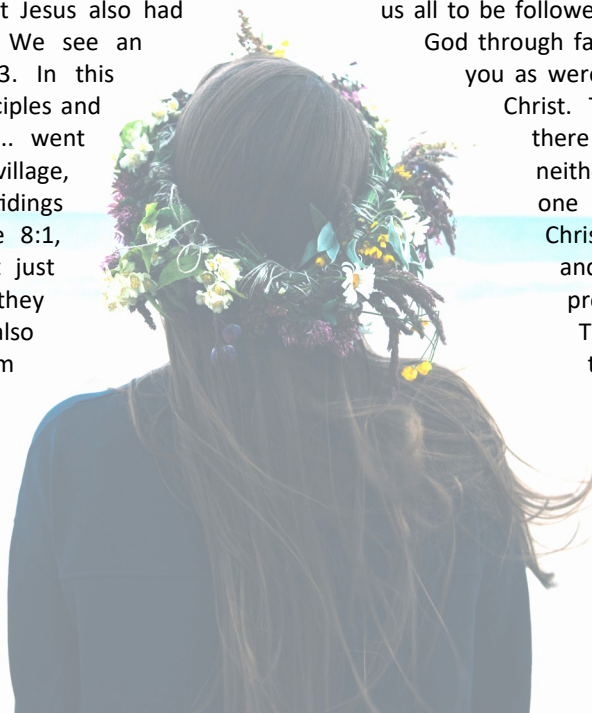
### WOMEN WERE THE FIRST TO WITNESS JESUS' RESURRECTION

In John 20 Mary Magdalene discovers Jesus' empty tomb, encounters resurrected Jesus, and goes and tells His disciples about it. This is important because during first-century Israel, women could not testify in court because they were not "reliable witnesses."<sup>3</sup> Even though the culture considered women to not be reliable witnesses, God still chose a woman to be the first to deliver the message of the empty tomb and of Jesus' resurrection. It would have been much easier for people to believe a man. This was another example of Jesus breaking the societal norms in His interaction with women.

### MEN'S AND WOMEN'S ROLES

I don't want to ignore that the Bible does give different roles to men and women, which could be another entire article in itself. God has given men and women unique roles in some areas to help bring order. Just like in the workplace there are defined roles and order, the same logic applies in the Kingdom of God in order for us to succeed. One resource that may help you understand this is *A Beautiful Design* by Matt Chandler.<sup>4</sup>

Ultimately, Jesus allows for us all to have equality through Him. We may have different roles in our lives, but He wants us all to be followers of Him. "For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise" (Galatians 3:26-29, NKJV). There is so much more to say about this topic, but by looking into the Bible we can see that Jesus radically values women.



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<sup>2</sup> [pbs.org/empires/romans/empire/women.html](http://pbs.org/empires/romans/empire/women.html)  
<sup>3</sup> [ccel.org/j/josephus/works/ant-4.htm](http://ccel.org/j/josephus/works/ant-4.htm)  
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# WHAT IS THE "SLM" HOUSE?

— THAT BIG WHITE BUILDING BEHIND JARVIS HALL —

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So what exactly is the "SLM" house anyway? A student once said, "I think it's for the Freemasons."

Disclaimer: it's not a church, and no it's not the Freemasons, it is a house. (Well, it used to be a church when it was first built in 1870, but long ago it was converted into a house). This big white house above Jarvis is owned by JFBelievers Church and is rented out to college-age people who are members of Street Level Ministries (SLM), a Christian campus organization. Currently ten people live there, and the basement acts as an apartment for directors of Street Level Ministries. The main level contains all the common areas and bedrooms for the guys, and the upstairs is for the ladies.

The design of the house is meant for real life discipleship, accountability, honest conversation, and prayer. That means that through the day-to-day of regular life, like coffee, classwork, and hanging out with friends, learning and growing to be more like Jesus is the main point. Sure there's still chores (gotta take out that garbage!) but rather than going through the motions, this house is intentional about living life to the fullest! It's more than just being roommates, it's being friends and followers of Christ.

The residents host the gathering of SLM on Mondays for a dinner and Bible study/discussion. They've also hosted Epic Garden Parties for SLM during the fall, which consist of different bands performing a small and personal concert. There are also cookouts, Halloween parties, Christmas parties, worship nights, and an assortment of other happenings. Street Level's goal is to reach out to college students and encourage them to come to know God on a personal level. We'd love to have you swing by the house, so find out more by visiting their website [streetlevelministries.com](http://streetlevelministries.com) or just swing by to see if we're hanging out!

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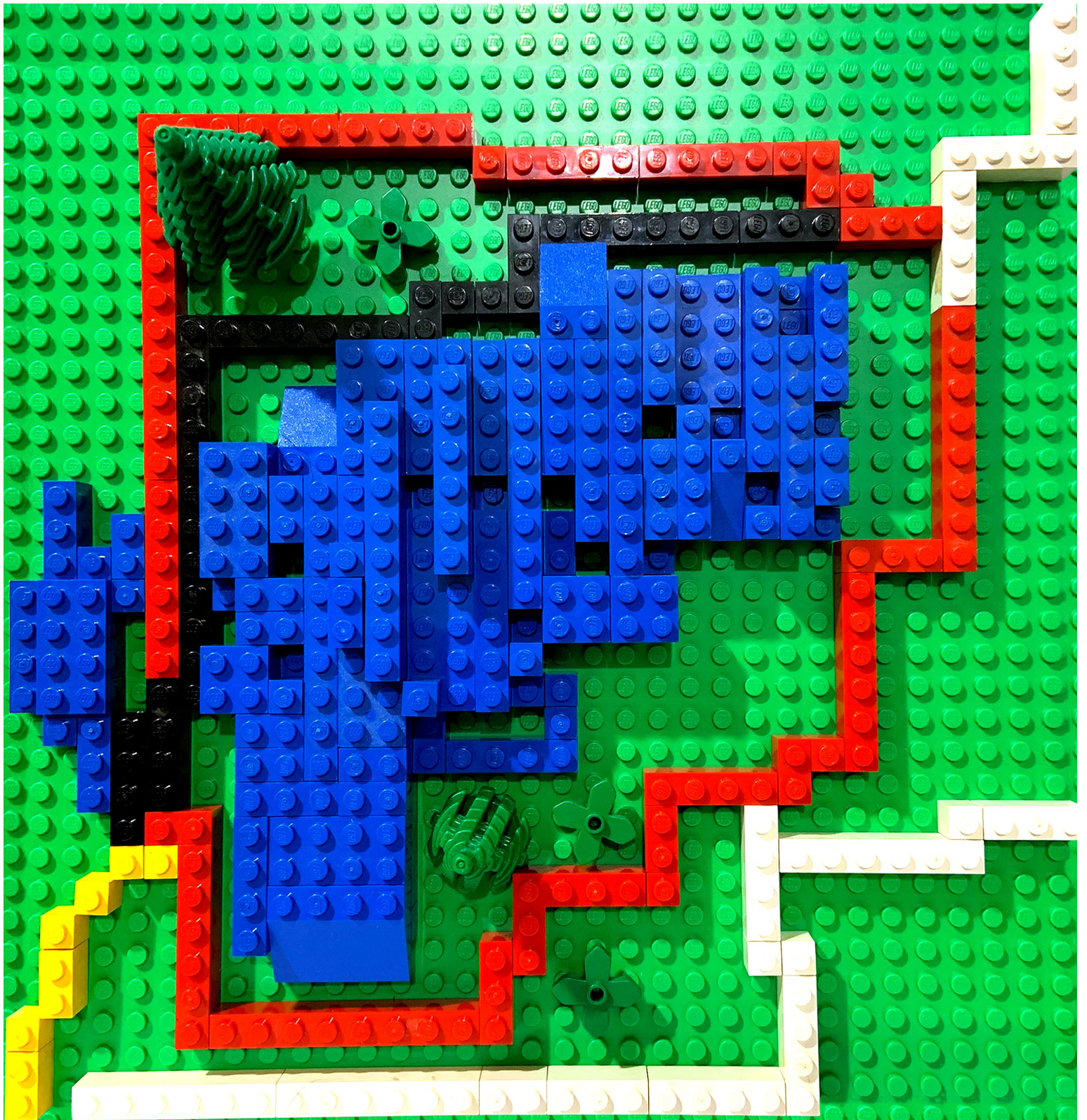
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# THIS TOWN IS MEANT FOR WALKING

KEEP UP THE PACE IN MENOMONIE



Don't let that New Year's resolution stall out now! Step it up with these fine walking paths within the Menomonie area. Don't just settle for those boring concrete walkways called sidewalks. Choose wisely but don't sweat the details.

### STOKKE TRAIL/ JUNCTION TRAIL

Start out on a peaceful walk along the Red Cedar River on the paved Stokke Trail, which is just north of the Red Cedar Trail visitor center. As you get closer to Highway 25, check out the great river fishing spot right below the dam. Once you cross the highway, you'll have merged onto Junction Trail. During the summer months, you can enjoy the beautiful gardens that dwell along the most northern part of the trail. If you continue on this trail across Maple Avenue and I-94 you can gain access to Wal-Mart without feeling like you are going to be run over.

### EVERGREEN CEMETERY

Enjoy a brisk walk around a little island, which just so happens to be the largest cemetery in Dunn County. While perusing the headstones of past Menomonie residents, you'll get to know the history of Menomonie. For

example, the cemetery was organized by Knapp, Stout & Co. Company in 1873.<sup>1</sup> The best time to go and check it out would be the cool of the morning before the bugs come out in full force. By the way, if the gate is closed you can take a foot path to the right of the gate. If you like to fish, make a stop on the causeway where you may be able to hook a bluegill or two.

### LAKE MENOMIN LOOP

Want variety in your exercise? Lakeside views, residential streets, and the industrial park will all be encountered on this trek around the lake. This trail isn't for the faint of heart. Endurance is needed to start and finish the 8.3-mile journey, which takes approximately – 2½ hours round trip on foot. You can jump on the trail from downtown Menomonie or at Wakanda Park in north Menomonie (a good place to find a free parking spot).

### RED CEDAR TRAIL

Let your feet grace this crushed limestone trail just south of Highway 29 on the westside of Menomonie. This well-traveled pathway will lead you south along the Red Cedar River all the way to Downsville if you would like. One of the exciting things about this

particular trail is the chance you get to encounter wildlife, such as bald eagles. It's also cool that walking on the trail is free; however, if you choose to bike you'll need a trail pass. If you feel like fueling up before or recovering after your walk, there is a great woodfired pizza place called Lucette literally right off of the trailhead.

### KEIL BIRCH CREEK PRESERVE

Wilderness Escape. These two words best describe this place. It exists on the fringes of southern Menomonie by the Red Cedar River. The preserve is at the end of 430th Street in a quiet cul-de-sac. It may be found with a quick Google Maps search of the name. There is no formal parking, but you are welcome to park on the road or use the provided bike rack to secure your bike to. Strap on your best hiking shoes or sandals. Let your feet greet the ground as you traverse the hills and valleys of the 28-acre wilderness gem.<sup>2</sup> Make sure to bring a camera if you are into that kind of thing. Guard yourself with bug spray before starting your adventure.

## HONORABLE MENTIONS:

- ⇒ **MENOMONIE COMMUNITY GARDEN** - Get a glimpse of some butterflies gracing the foliage.
- ⇒ **LAKE MENOMIN PARK** - Great place for mounting biking.
- ⇒ **LAKEBANK NATURE TRAIL** - The mysterious trail to the right of Waterfront Bar & Grill where you can go Geocaching.
- ⇒ **RIVERSIDE PARK** - Another great fishing spot; plus, there is a free outdoor gym.
- ⇒ **MENOMONIE LIONS CLUB GAME PARK** - You can see bison and elk here.
- ⇒ **HOFFMAN HILLS** - Home to a watchtower which allows you to see for miles.

## STARGAZING



### QUICK TIPS:



Purchase a red light flashlight or wind some red cellophane over a regular flashlight to read star maps or to find your way. Connect up with a club to find the best spots to stargaze:



**HOBBS OBSERVATORY** at Beaver Creek Reserve (Free) (Open to the public on clear Saturdays from May through October)



**HOFFMAN HILLS** in the wintertime



**UW-RIVER FALLS** Centennial Science Hall Observatory (Free)

[www.beavercreekreserve.org/learn/hobbs-observatory/](http://www.beavercreekreserve.org/learn/hobbs-observatory/)  
[www.uwrf.edu/PHYS/Observatory.cfm](http://www.uwrf.edu/PHYS/Observatory.cfm)

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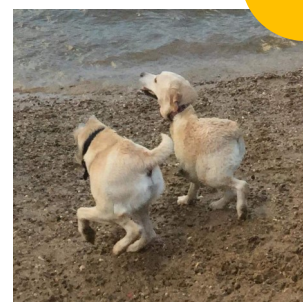
(WE MADE A PAGE OF FUN THINGS FOR YOU, OKAY?)

When the Lord is your strength



@Deuteronomemes, We see you.

HEY— YOU SHOULD GOOGLE “PANORAMIC FAILS” – TRUST US!



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## SUDOKU

## SCAVENGER HUNT, ANYONE?

Search the magazine to find the answers.

- ① How long is the Lake Menomin Loop?
- ② What is ahisma, as practiced by Mahatma Gandhi?
- ③ Where could someone find an epic garden party if they wanted to attend one?
- ④ What are the two paths we can take in any given situation, according to Dr. Ilene Strauss?
- ⑤ What is UW-Stout's job placement rate?

Submit your answers to the staff at the *Blind Munchies Coffeehouse* to redeem a prize!



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## NICK THE HICK

Another rant from your favorite redneck

### CALL ME ANYTHING, JUST NOT LATE FOR DINNER



I love to eat me some good food. So much out there to try, so many good combinations. Peanut butter and bacon on toast samiches, microwaved cheese curds with bbq sauce, ranch on everything, and many others. As I venture out my circle to other places (usually with some friends) I run into a few mind bending delicacies. High on the list is Bubble Tea. This one intrigued me because I'm a bigger fella and have never been accused of leaving food on my plate. But I have to admit I almost walked away from this drink unfinished. The taste was great. But right around every 2.37 ounces I'd get one of them gummy bears stuck up in my straw and then spend 6-8 minutes getting that little fella through, only for it to happen again. Dump a bag of gummy worms in everything ya eat and you be losin' weight in a quick hurry. I stopped short of the smoothie bowl, mostly because it's a stolen idea. KFC put tasty things in a bowl years ago and smoothie bowls aren't nothing but a threat of dishonor towards the kernel. You drink smoothies with a straw. Stop the confusion. Organic seaweed chips will not be something I'll be trying any time soon. How many snails got ground up in the process? Snails have shells and eating shells is gross. It's not the crunch of the plant you experience when you bite down. Hold shells up to your ear, don't stick them in your mouth. There is one on the trend list I will be trying however, the peanut butter burger. I don't see how this can go wrong, just put the spread on after the burger is done cooking otherwise the choosy mom's may not be on board with this runny piece of art.



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