

Friday—Day 40
More Than a Souvenir

Read John 15:5-8

⁵"I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in Me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without Me. ⁶If anyone does not remain in Me, he is thrown aside like a branch and he withers. They gather them, throw them into the fire, and they are burned. ⁷If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you want and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this: that you produce much fruit and prove to be My disciples."

They say "every good thing must come to an end." Surely you remember the trips you have taken to beautiful places or exciting theme parks and then exited through the gift shop. On your way back to reality, you make sure to grab a souvenir that will link yourself to those moments. So, you cling to a photograph or a cheap keepsake that reminds you of the thrills, beauty and the unique things you experienced. But what if you could take more than a souvenir away from this 40-day experience? Don't allow this to be a momentary adventure. Keep the passion. There's always something else for you to see and experience with Jesus. There's always someone else you can lead up the mountain!

If you took this journey just to see what you could see then grab a cheap souvenir, you have missed the whole point. All the discovery, wonder and realization and endurance that you've built is leading you to **MORE**. As you continue to traverse this trail again and again, you will never be disappointed.

Today's Challenge: Make the commitment to take this path everyday. But don't do it alone. Make a list of 3 people that you can lead on this journey. Make it a priority to keep leading others on this expedition and inspire them to lead trips of their own.



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ON**

**A FORTY DAY
SPIRITUAL JOURNEY**

*It's time to go
where you really want to be.*



Monday—Day 36 Tell Someone Who Didn't Go

Read Psalm 78:4

We must not hide them from their children, but must tell a future generation the praises of the LORD, His might, and the wonderful works He has performed.

You probably have a person in your life that you're scared to share your newfound passion with. This is usually someone close to you. Maybe you're scared because they know your past or you're afraid you won't have answers to their questions. Now that you've experienced Jesus in His fullness, your job is to tell others. It's time to tell someone who didn't go on the journey about what they could experience too.

Today's Challenge: Talk to THAT person today and tell them something spiritual you've experienced over this journey. Your passion to serve Jesus should be a part of your identity and it's time EVERYONE knows.



Tuesday—Day 37 Merge Your Circles

Read Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is God's power for salvation to everyone who believes, first to the Jew, and also to the Greek.

Too often, you segment your life into groups of different social circles. You have your Christian friends who've been on the journey with you and then you have your lost friends. You have your church group and your work/school group. You don't always like to have your two worlds collide. You do "these things" with this group and "those things" with that group. You don't merge circles because it can get messy and inconvenient for you. It's time to create an atmosphere where your circles merge.

Today's Challenge: Plan an event or outing where you mix your two groups. Your lost friends need to see other people who are following Jesus. Your Christian friends need to remember that everyone isn't found yet.

Wednesday—Day 38 No One Gets Left Behind

Read 1 Corinthians 10:24

No one should seek his own good, but the good of the other person.

Now that you've merged circles, the next step is to introduce them to a body of believers. There's more to merging your circles than simply sharing a meal or going bowling. The people that you love need an encounter with Jesus Christ. You've been where they're going and you need to show them the way. Bringing someone with you on the hike means equipping, leading, encouraging, and guiding them as they make the climb.

Today's Challenge: Invite someone to small group or a church event with the intention of walking with them and guiding them through the experience.



Thursday—Day 39 Point Directly to the Guide

Read Acts 4:12

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people, and we must be saved by it.

As your passion has become more evident to everyone around you, you'll need to clearly define why and how you're changing. Those who are watching you from afar need to know who your Guide is. It's easy to say, "I'm following God." But who is "God?" Many religions and secularists have "gods." Today is the day to point directly to your Guide, Jesus. **Say the name JESUS right now, OUT LOUD.** Did that sound strange coming from your lips? As a believer, you should boast of the power of the name of Jesus. Stop using loose euphemisms like "the big man upstairs" and speak the name of Jesus in everyday conversations.

Today's Challenge: Don't just invite someone to church. Tell them about your relationship with Jesus. Jesus Christ is the only one who can change a person's life and lead them in the way they should go.

