There's something absolutely magical to me about a pink balloon. For one, people look at you differently when you're carrying a balloon. They wish you a happy birthday, or just generally send fuzzy feelings in your direction. They smile when they see the bright pop of color unexpectedly bobbing above your head. With it tied to your backpack, you can feel like you have a friend with you in the wind, but stay close to the ground, feeling the tensions of being in between.

We speak to that in this issue. In these pages, you can explore with us some of the tensions we live in every day. There's the decaying physical world all around us, waiting to be redeemed and made new. There's the jungle of our own finances, demanding our attention and wise cultivation.

We talk to individuals in families who don't understand the faith they live for. People share their stories of trying to follow God's calling on their lives despite challenges and controversy. And we ask what it means to be a campus family living in tension, but working every day to get through it for the greater cause of fellowship in Christ.

Join us also in some moments of lighthearted fun along the way. We took a staff road trip this semester, and we have the 411 on what we were made for, but with that comes the risk of failure or hurt. Like a balloon on the end of a string, we dance in the wind, but stay close to the ground, feeling the tensions of being in between.

We are living in tension.

The tension between what we long for and what we fear will happen. The tension in the space between the clouds and the ground, when we're not quite sure if we're closer to falling or flying. We want to do all that we were made for, but with that comes the risk of failure or hurt. Like a balloon on the end of a string, we dance in the wind, but stay close to the ground, feeling the tensions of being in between.

And next time you need to smile, treat yourself to a balloon and buy one for a friend too. After all, they're only a dollar!
President Dr. Barry Corey, known affectionately by his students as DBC, never expected Biolans to view him as a celebrity on campus.

“When I was in high school, I really wasn’t that hip,” he says. On weekends, he was playing board games with friends or spending quality time with his parents around the TV. He believes that he did not have the “cool factor” and that this is still true today.

But that all started to change when his wife Paula bought him a little black book — “The Little Hiptionary,” that is.

“That was maybe the family joke behind [the “Hiptionary”] — that I need all the help I can get to be a little bit more hip and to communicate to this generation of students,” DBC says. Laughing, he recalls using the book for the first time in chapel and realizing that people liked it. The book is occasionally used in chapel and is sort of his “schtick,” as he describes it.

DBC spent time working at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Boston, and Mrs. Corey knew he would need a “vocabulary recalibration” upon coming to Biola. The transition from a seminary to a university would require a different type of lingo, according to DBC.

“Despite what students think of me, I am just an ordinary guy,” DBC says. “I think [my children] love me and respect me, but when people started thinking I was cool, they were like, ‘You have to be kidding me.’”

DBC describes himself as being notorious for using words that do not exist. He leans in to say that one of his secrets is, “I sometimes sing the wrong lyrics to a song.”

The hiptionary has helped keep him on track. But in the beginning, when he used the book there were minor complications with the pronunciation or a word. “Everybody is looking at me, almost to say it’s gi-nor-mous, not guy-normous,” DBC recalls from one chapel speaking experience. “The irony is in trying to be hip, I pronounced a word that every student knows as gi-nor-mous.” Trying to be hip had seemingly made him less hip, he says.

DBC jokes that the authors may need to write another edition, as “The Little Hiptionary” is starting to lose its hipness. It helps that his family has their own words, called “Corey Family Sayings.” DBC keeps a log to give to his children to reflect back on as they grow older. Currently, his family has about 100 words or phrases saved.

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#Wegg (egg + waffle) v. - When DBC fries an egg on the waffle iron.]

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I fidgeted in my Sutherland Auditorium overflow seat, my mind absent. It had snuck out of the Torrey Conference sessions, and was wandering through beaches, mountains and majestic redwood trees. My mind finally re-entered my head, returning back into the last Torrey session of Wednesday, allowing me to quickly text my fellow travelers, “We’re almost done!”

Thursday, 8:30 a.m. Downtown L.A. Traffic.

As always, the 5 is being stubborn. With cars stopped between us, and a sulking steel sky above us, we are stuck only a few miles away from our first highway to freedom, the 101 North. Our traffic delay has already spawned an Instagram account (#findthepoint), and inspired a budding playlist (find it at pointmag.biola.edu). Now is also as good a time as any to introduce you to us — the crew: I, Ethan Froelich, am now sitting at the wheel of the red Honda Fit. A perpetual impersonator of all things, I sit up front with the constantly cleaning and always smiling Adam Lorona, a fellow Biola senior and current deejay of the car. Adam smiles sneakily as Britney, Ke$ha and Katy are playing from his iPhone. In the back seat are Biola juniors Alyssa “#Hashtag” Alvarez, and Cassie “Laughs-when-she-gets-hurt” Acosta, singing along. Lastly, hawk-eyed, mind-reading senior and Point editor-in-chief Patti Diaz sits scrunched in the middle of the back seats. But enough with the introductions, traffic just started moving.

Our plan seemed daunting. Five Biolans, packed in one car, with three days to traverse 900 miles. Leaving on Thursday at 8 a.m. from the Horton Hall parking lot, we began our trip by skirting the edge of California’s coast via the 1 and 101 freeways. We then camped in Big Sur, six hours north, for the first night in campsite 81 at Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park. Day two found us hitting the northern most point of our journey at Big Basin Redwoods State Park, then heading back down to Pfeiffer, camping in campsite 66. In our descent on day three, our car traveled down highway 1, stopping at Morro Bay, then continuing via the 41 North, to the 46 East. The 46 joined the 5, and south we went, back through the Central Valley of California. After the ups and downs of the Grapevine, we arrived back where we started in the L.A. basin.

“My Car Smells Like ONIONS”

Dispatches from a Weekend Spent Traveling

Ethan Froelich // Adam Lorona // Daniel Kirschman
Thursday, 9:30 p.m. Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, Campsite 81.

We have made it, at least so far. After stopping at exit 90 on the 101 and stumbling onto our own private beach, we then traveled an hour farther, stopping to carve “The Point” in the sand of a beach overlooked by some bluffs, ending the day in a great mood. After just having eaten a dinner of beef hot dogs using our ghettos, metal cool hangars, and roasting s’mores over our fire, we are ready for some good, solid sleep (Froughtbritt).

Friday, 3:14 a.m. Pfeiffer, Campsite 81.

Freaking raccoons, freaking neighbors. Lights are in my eyes from the pot-smokers one camp over from Olympia, Wash., who have just gotten the munchies and started cooking. On top of all this, five curious raccoons are in our camp going through our trash. This is the only time I wish there were a ranger close by.

I knew from experience that detours, obstacles and changes were inevitable on our trip, and I knew from experience we would face them. I have broken down in the middle of the Vegas strip, lost all my car’s coolant on the Grapevine, gotten stuck in a blizzard for 9 hours, and ridden through the Mojave with a throat nearly swollen shut from dehydration. While our group experienced nothing major, there were a few minor issues. Along with the aforementioned 3:14 a.m. disturbances, our group forgot tent poles and drove an hour in the wrong direction (thank you iPhone Maps/me), and I committed the heinous crime of forgetting to keep the marshmallows in the cooler, making them melt together. Yet we never fought.

Adam and I put our sleeping bags down, sleeping on the outside of the tent. We made s’mores with strangely-shaped marshmallow blobs, and our detour barely fazed us. Problems tried to hitch a ride onto our trip, but they never had a chance; we drove off without them.

Friday, 3:35 p.m. Big Basin Redwoods State Park.

Coasting through redwood trees 100 times our age, listening to Bon Iver, we are in awe. With a hike planned in an hour through old growth redwoods in the very first California state park ever established, Big Basin was worth the three-and-a-half hour drive north from our campsite in Big Sur. Even if the drive meant getting stuck in traffic, it was right most of the time and got us back on track when we did get turned around.

Saturday, 4:15 p.m. Piedra Restaurant, Morro Bay.

Coffee is warming my hands against the chill of the wind, which sweeps up cool air created by the water that has traveled all the way from Alaska to reach this bay. On the outer, weathered wooden deck of the restaurant sits an older, heavy-set man with a green T-shirt and cargo shorts. With a slow-moving gait he sits back down with his wife of a similar age who is simply, and conservatively dressed with white, old-people shoes, barely dirtied. A younger couple sits across from them. Having just sat down only minutes ago, it appears that their rationed time has run out. Chairs scrape the concrete sharply, as their North Face jackets swish and designer jeans unfold, cross-trainers starting their motion; they still have places to go. As the young pass the old, the young couple say, “We better get going, huh?” and, “Yeah, we don’t want to waste the day away.” With a slow turn of their heads to the brisk-pacing younger couple, the older couple exclaims, “Have fun, the days go by fast.”

Saturday, 9:30 p.m. Arco gas station, La Mirada.

“My car smells like onions,” Adam had exclaimed last night, giving an accurate picture of our olfactory condition. Campfire smoke, sweat, B.O., and smells from the food we made, had all banded together, making a concerted effort to stay with us. “As much as I love you guys and had a great time and all, if I have to stay in this car for one more minute, I am going to go crazy!” Cassie exclaims from the cramped back seat. Earlier, at the end of the second day of our trip, our neighbor from campsite 65 had said, “It is amazing that after all that traveling, you guys are still smiling at each other.” It was true. For only $61 a person, our road trip has been a huge success, not because we spent so little, but because we visited incredible landscapes. We succeeded for the simple reason that after three days of close quarters, we hadn’t killed each other, but instead had become closer to each other. We are exhausted, but still smiling. And with that, I am going to take a much-needed shower.

6 APPS FOR THE ROAD

1. Instagram Great for getting quick photos of key moments. Saved us a lot of stopping and unpacking of photography equipment.
2. Yelp This app saved us from $50 campites, gave us tips concerning rangers, what to bring and what to watch out for.
3. iPhone Maps While it did tell us to turn right into a cliff wall, it was right most of the time and got us back on track when we did get turned around.
4. Gas Buddy This guy told us where to get gas. Nuff said.
5. Allrecipes For planning your road trip’s meals, this helps a ton. With the “Dinner Spinner” feature you can pick an ingredient, dinner type, and time of preparation and it gives you multiple meal ideas.
6. Words With Friends and Draw Something These help pass any time spent in traffic.
Cultivating Our Property
Exploring Ways to Care for Creation

Mark McReynolds had a problem. He was thirsty. So thirsty that he gratefully chugged a can of Coca-Cola, even though he does not normally care for soda. But this was not his only problem. McReynolds was also being interviewed for a faculty position in Bardwell Hall, Biola University’s science building. And this is when McReynolds’ empty soda can led him to the ironic discovery of the problem: There were no recycle bins in Bardwell, the very building that would eventually give birth to the environmental science program he was being interviewed to start.

The fall 2012 semester marks nearly 2½ years since the beginning of this program at Biola. Last year, McReynolds along with students, staff and other faculty members, started the Creation Stewardship Committee on campus. Its purpose is to act as an advisory group, making recommendations to administration about how to make Biola’s operations more environmentally and ethically friendly.

The committee has been partnering with Facilities Services in exploring possible areas of improvement, particularly in the recycling program on campus. Until recently, all of the collected paper, cardboard, bottles and cans are sent to Escondido Disposal Inc. (EDCO) along with the rest of the campus garbage to be sorted. The committee looks to improve on the program to include more on-campus recycling that is not all outsourced to EDCO. More recycle bins have been placed in campus buildings, with more outdoor receptacles expected soon. A student worker has also been hired to collect and sort campus recyclables.

One of the biggest hindrances to creation care on campus is the lack of information available. Many students aren’t even aware of the kinds of things that can be recycled at Biola or even where to put them. McReynolds found this lack of awareness even among his fellow faculty members. He sent his teacher’s aide out to ask other people in the office if they knew what happened to discarded paper after it was collected. Nobody was quite sure.

“We are moving slowly right now because we’re just starting,” McReynolds explains. “But eventually I’d like to look at most of the activities at Biola and say, ‘Is this a sustainable thing? Is this good for us and the rest of God’s creation? Are there any ethical issues involved in this?’ Sometimes we’re not thinking about that.”

Before she even became a student member of the Creation Stewardship Committee, Sarah Croswhite, a junior intercultural studies major, did not buy one article of new clothing in 2010. Instead, she shopped at thrift stores in an effort to do her part in reducing waste and thinking about the ethical issues behind her buying habits. Even today, she continues to be intentional about her shopping, researching companies’ practices before buying from them. Croswhite says that she still buys 90 percent of her clothing used.

Believing that the root of the issue is an individual one, Croswhite advocates living a simpler lifestyle. She believes American Christians live with a consumer mindset that does not mirror how Jesus lived at all.

“One aspect that we really neglect [are] our own personal choices,” Croswhite says. “Even if the university isn’t doing the things we want them to do, you can still make the choice to recycle things, to actually just try and reduce the waste you create in the first place.”

A 2010 survey conducted by Nalgene, a reusable water bottle company, polled 3,750 individuals, 150 from each of America’s 25 largest cities. The study inquired about the participants’ wasteful behavior, shopping and transportation habits, and sustainability efforts in order to rank the least wasteful cities in the U.S. Los Angeles earned the number eight spot on the list. Even though Biola is located in Los Angeles County, 20 minutes away from a city that is one of the top ten least wasteful cities in the nation, McReynolds describes the school as “playing catch up.”

In the past, many Christians have associated “going green” with liberal thinking, political agendas and conforming to cultural trends. When he first became interested in this topic while in seminary in the early 1980s, McReynolds says 1960s liberal theologians wrote all of the literature he could find on the subject. There were very few conservative evangelicals thinking about the topic of creation care.

McReynolds says that Christians often hold a “Sunday school” view of the earth, which is to say that God the Father made the earth a long time ago and then left. Next, because of the problem of sin, God sent Jesus. But now he is gone too and we are left with the Holy Spirit.

“So, [the general consensus is that] you really don’t have anybody down here on earth interested in any of this,” McReynolds says. “And where are we going to go when we die? We’re going to go up to heaven, so the planet here is kind of irrelevant.”

However, the first chapter of Hebrews says that Jesus not only cre-
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McReynolds decided that it would simply be easier to make their operations more environmentally responsible. But ultimately, Johnston is convinced of the biblical necessity for such action.

"I think there would be very little scriptural backup to say, 'No, we should just trash the planet and not care about it,'" Johnston says. "It's our bodies, our health, our finances, everything. It's clear that we're to care for what God's given us, no matter what it is, 'Let's be stewards of what God's given us, no matter what it is,'" Johnston says.

Technology for green products is always advancing. More energy-efficient fluorescent lights are available. Some facilities families are using greener products.

When Matt Johnston became custodial manager at Biola in 2008, he immediately started pursuing the idea of making Biola's Custodial Services Department as green as it could be. Today, almost 80 percent of all the cleaning chemicals used on campus are either EcoLogo or Green Seal certified, which are the two most recognized certifiers for green cleaning products. All of the paper towels and toilet paper are 100 percent recycled and 60 percent post-consumer, while all the foam and liquid soaps used on campus are Green Seal, except for the hair and body soap in the showers of the gym locker rooms.

Due to the construction of the Talbot East building, facilities and maintenance services were spurred into using greener products. When it was announced that Biola would be building a Leadership Environmental and Energy Design (LEED) building, the department decided that it would simply be easier to make their operations as green as possible now so they could use the same products in the new building.

Facilities and maintenance are also ahead of other departments in this area because the products custodial services uses are more environmentally restricted by California laws.

"Stuff that we're doing by choice, the state of California is mandating just a year or two later," Johnston says.

Student concerns and faculty influence have also played into the department's environmentally responsible operation. But ultimately, Johnston is convinced of the biblical necessity for such action.

"I think there would be very little scriptural backup to say, 'No, we should just trash the planet and not care about it' as opposed to being stewards of what God's given us, no matter what it is," Johnston says. "It's our bodies, our health, our finances, everything. It's clear that we're to care for what God's given us."

Technology for green products is always advancing. More energy-efficient fluorescent lights with a smaller, ¼-inch diameter are replacing older lights. To improve air quality, Johnston is starting to purchase vacuums with High-Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filters. Even something as simple as floor polish can make a difference. Johnston says that when green floor polish first became available it was "loopy" compared to the regular stuff, lasting only a month whereas the non-green polish would last six. Now, it is almost as good as the original.

Usually one of the first objections to environmentally safe products is the potentially steep cost to be paid. But after evaluating the performance of all the cleaning products, it was decided that the green products performed better and were actually cheaper, something Johnston attributes to the providence of God. Today, Johnston does not expect to pay more for a green product versus a non-green one.

One of the more technologically advanced products custodial services uses are the Activeion spray bottles. Regular tap water goes in, ionized water chemically resembling a mild bleach solution comes out. When the trigger is squeezed, a slight electrical charge is applied to the water, allowing just enough time to break up the dirt and wipe it away. At first, the custodians were wary of these new spray bottles, but after seeing how effective they can be, Johnston says some even bought them to use in their own homes.

Stephanie Stater, a senior environmental science major, believes something as simple as turning the time to slow down and enjoy nature can make a significant difference to the environment. As co-vice president of the new Environmental Care Club on campus, Stater believes that once people learn to view nature as God's creation and not as a commodity or product, it will affect the way they live. Spending time in creation will instill a greater sense of appreciation for the world God has made, she says.

"Yes, God is giving us, in a sense, a chance to use [the earth] in ways that will benefit man," Stater says. "But by continuously polluting and building on it in areas that really don't need to be built on, it takes away from so much. In a lot of ways we've abused our authority."

This appreciation for God's creation is something Stater says she learned at an early age. As a child growing up in Ventura, Calif., Stater's parents would take her on nature hikes or to the beach. Spending time in creation will instill a greater sense of appreciation for the world God has made, she says. "This is his creation and we need to take care of it just as we need to take care of each other. Nothing is ever going to be perfect until the earth is restored, but I think we should be setting the example."
At the Threshold

Robyn Nakamura, a sophomore sociology major, says she feels God calling her to missions. It’s still hard for her to admit that she feels the call, however.

“I don’t know why... non-Christian people... don’t understand.” She seems to struggle with her words for a moment before going on, “You don’t understand unless you’re a Christian and you see the need. It’s not just the humanitarian side in me, it’s the God side of me.”

Nakamura spent three months of her past summer in Ukraine with mission organization Josiah Venture. They served churches in the former communist country and helped to lead English camps for young Ukrainians. Her work as an intern this summer was a result of the trip she took to Ukraine two years ago with her church youth group.

“I loved that specific country and those people, and so I was pretty dead-set on going back after,” she says, nodding. “I knew when I left... it was the first time I ever really felt like God was like, ‘Yeah, you’re going to be back here in a little bit,'” says Nakamura, the light in her eyes and the glow on her face obvious as she speaks about Ukraine. Her heart for the people she has grown to care about is apparent.

However, her love for the country didn’t stop a seed of fear from being planted at the thought of telling others her ambition to follow Christ’s call to become a missionary.

“Since I spent all summer in Ukraine, I was still kind of confused on what I wanted to do, and I was just like, ‘OK, God, please give me more direction on what you want me to do. If it’s missions, I’ll go, but if it’s staying in the States and being a light in an office job, then I’ll do that too,'” Nakamura says.

Now, however, this fear has subsided.

“I think that God has put inside of me no fear, just in the past couple of months and seeing that people across the world need to know about this and if you have a passion to go out there, then go!” Nakamura passionately declares, all sense of fear gone from the way that she speaks about missionary work.
The booth at the career fair in elementary school rarely brings anyone to speak on the riches of mission work. Such a profession, then, seems to be one that must be sought out when the call is heard. The decision to declare it to the world is one that Nakamura, and junior Jennifer Hines, are now coming to terms with.

Hines came to Biola two years ago as a nursing major before switching to intercultural studies in spring 2012. When asked about the reactions of the people closest to her at her desire to be a missionary, her face seems to represent a myriad of emotions. Some happiness, some regret.

“My mom has been amazingly more and more supportive of this,” Hines says. Her mother had been reluctant to accept the change of course at first, and Hines’ father had wanted her to continue with the nursing field.

“My oldest brother is an atheist, so of course he thinks it’s completely pointless to be a missionary,” she adds.

Though it doesn’t seem to be holding back her future career as a missionary, Hines did share that sometimes she also feels the fear that many Christian university students have — the instability of missions work as a lifestyle choice.

“My ambition is much more eternal,” she says confidently. “... Even though I’m spending a lot of money, I may not in the end get that much money back from whatever career I choose. I think eternally missions work has a lot of value,” she says.

The joys that come from the call to the missions field, however, have far outweighed the negative fears for sophomore intercultural studies major Tim Elliott. In a two-week mission trip to Uganda this past summer, learning how to share his faith with confidence became a great skill for Elliott, a feat he doesn’t take lightly.

“During the trip I read the book ‘The Case for Christ,’” he mentions, glancing down as if he could picture the book in his hands, “and it really solidified some stuff. And then we did some evangelism teaching, and then we actually did outreach. And so after that teaching I was all pumped and ready to go … I had a real thirst to share my faith.”

His evangelizing was not limited to those who had not heard of Christ in Uganda. On the flight home, he discussed Christianity openly with a young girl, addressing her issues with the faith and even giving her a copy of “The Case for Christ.” Bringing the call to evangelize full circle, Elliott has also been ministering to his two best friends back home, introducing them to Christ — and yes, giving them copies of the same book which had so greatly aided Elliott.

“God just gave me the courage and the ability to open those doors,” Elliott says, adding that it was clear that God had worked on his heart during his time spent in Uganda.

God’s call on certain people to the mission field, whether overseas or in the United States, can be a daunting one and an uncertain road. It’s a hard journey to relate to for those who don’t feel that call themselves. It seems all too easy to assume that we can plan out our lives with a degree of certainty when really God has been preparing our hearts for a divine purpose we may never even have looked for. Though the ideals of these three students may have begun with the American dream, they soon found an even greater challenge and reward in living outside of the white picket fence and extending a hand to their neighbor, their brother or sister in Christ.

All it took for them was one moment in a foreign country when they truly connected with a child of Christ who did not know him. One moment in which they stepped without fear across the threshold of the door that God was holding open before them. All it took was one moment — the moment they picked up the proverbial telephone to answer the undeniable call of God.

At Wheaton College Graduate School, we create a community where the culturally and theologically diverse student body engages in rich dialogue and pursues excellence in and out of the classroom. “For Christ and His Kingdom” is integral to our students’ experiences, with classes that equip scholars to become better learners, practitioners and Christians. We invite you to explore our programs and discover how YOU can become better equipped to serve the body of Christ and His worldwide church.

Check out the video viewbook to hear more from Brendan, other students and faculty at WHEATON.EDU/GRADSchOOl.
The Point wanted to know this semester: what does it mean to be the Biola family? When controversies and conflicts arise, as they inevitably do, how can we best approach them? We asked and you responded.
Do you feel that Biola is a family?
"I do feel like it is one big community with little families in it, but I think the bigger community allows for those little families to happen. At the end of the day, you’re still a ‘Biolan’ and you’re still part of the family whether or not you’re in this clique or that clique."
- Elise Birdline, junior liberal studies major, Thompson R.A.

How do you view controversy at Biola?
"I think that as a school it’s good to have controversy and discussion, especially when it has to do with things that have a spiritual aspect... Here I definitely feel that and people are intentional with family and community."
- Leanne Bergey, junior psychology major, Torrey student

Do you think that Biola has developed in dealing with controversy in a way that equally benefits its community?
"I think that overall, the goal is to make the body happy but part of that includes the sponsors... There are many voices in our family."
- LaDawn Johnson, sociology professor

How can the Biola family best approach conflict?
"I’m going to invite you into the decision making, invite participation and feedback and give you a clear description of the decision we made and why we made it. [That’s] as much transparency as you could expect."
- Jason Oakes, biblical studies professor

What characteristics of a family do you see in the Biola family?
"I see support and a loving-kindness despite adversity, especially with the idea of wanting to be a close family."
- Elise Birdline, junior liberal studies major, Thompson R.A.

How do you view conflict?
"Conflict is a good thing. It is problem solving and new life comes through conflict."
- Doretha O’Quinn, vice provost of Multi-Ethnic and Cross Cultural Engagement

What should we know about conflict?
"People can get hurt in conflict. In an ideal situation, I’d like to see no one get hurt in a conversation and have everyone feel heard."
- Carolyn Kim, journalism professor

Do you think there are unheard groups on campus?
"There are many segments of the Biola campus who probably don’t feel as comfortable to speak out and may be feeling unheard. I think that God has placed some people here to try to help create things for those groups."
- Deshonna Collier-Goubil, sociology professor

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Sherry Mortenson answered the phone in 1978 from inside her University of Minnesota sorority house to hear a questioning female voice. The girl, a student at Bethel University, wanted to come share her testimony. As the sorority president and someone who was worried about the drinking habits and relationship choices of her fellow sorority sisters, Mortenson quickly agreed to the visit. It was this first encounter that ultimately led to sophomore Mortenson praying to receive Christ later that year. Not having grown up in the church, she went almost immediately from graduating college with a degree in broadcast and consumer affairs to working at becoming a pastor as a “baby Christian,” completely unaware of the roles women play in the church.

As someone who has spent her entire college career in the center of this debate, Biola senior Bible major Marie Bakerpoole has had to deal with the hard questions that come along with pursuing her call to pastoral ministry. As a 12-year-old pastor’s kid, she remembers talking with her mom about the subject of women in leadership in the church. Even from a young age, something did not seem quite right to Bakerpoole about a God who loved and created everyone equally, yet did not allow some to serve the church body in the same capacity as others.

The debate over whether women are biblically able to hold leadership positions in the church was raised as early as the 1700s and has resulted in two divided camps: complementarians and egalitarians, according to Dr. Ron Pierce, professor of biblical and theological studies at Biola. The complementarian side believes men and women to be equal in being but not in function. Women have different and even subordinate roles to play. In contrast, egalitarians advocate for equality in being and function, as they interpret both come together in the Bible.

Pierce feels the debate really stems from two main areas. The first being cultural factors on both sides. Complementarians, the “good old days” of the 1950s when each gender had specific expected roles. Egalitarians are influenced by the rise of feminism. A second factor contributing to this debate is that Christians really want to know what the Bible teaches about this subject, but it is not explicitly spelled out for them.
Christ in a way that males cannot.

"I just don't understand why genitalia frequently that she experienced pushback for the first time.

Leadership positions are determined by instead of gifting."

By Dr. Ron Pierce, Biola University

Complementarians believe...

- In both spiritual and functional equality of all believers in Christ, not for personal rights but for godly service.
- That husbands and wives should lovingly yield to one another in all aspects of Christian marriage.
- That women and men may serve together based on their gifts and callings in all aspects of church-related ministry.

Egalitarians believe...

- By Mary Kassian, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

- God created male and female as complementary expressions of the image of God. Both are counterparts in reflecting his glory.
- Both are called to be, "...token woman" and "pioneer." For many churches she spoke at, she was the first woman ever to take the stage on a Sunday morning. The respect that comes naturally to male pastors simply based on their title and gender never happened for Mortenson. It was something she had to earn. When she preached and God spoke to people through her, She says she is greatful to put the focus on God rather than herself, something she is grateful for.

New Testament? In reading 1 Corinthians 11:5, "Every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head," it seems to egalitarians that Paul's only concern for women is that they dress appropriately within their culture. What he does not seem to be concerned about is them praying and prophesying.

Complementarians look at 1 Timothy 2:12, "I do not permit a woman to teach or to assume authority over a man," and take it exactly for what it says. Differently, egalitarians look at the passage in the context of the city of Ephesus and its role as the epicenter for the Artemis cult. Pierce interprets it as Paul speaking to the women who were priestesses in the cult or were simply influenced by the cult before converting to Christianity, and entered the church thinking they could lead there as they had done in the temple of Artemis. Instead of forbidding women to exercise authority, egalitarians say Paul is prohibiting the usurping of power by women who would do better to simply listen and learn for a time.

"The essence of the gospel is that in Christ we are all one." Pierce says. "So, as much as people in this debate would like to say that this is just a secondary issue, Paul says (in Galatians 3) that there is a connection; that if we are really one in Christ then these [old distinctions] just don't matter anymore." In her last week of seminary, Mortenson was held up in the coffee shop wearing a worn pair of sweats and no makeup, scrambling to finish a number of papers that were due within the next three days. At the time, the office of the president of Bethel, George Brushaber, was above the coffee shop, and as Mortenson was furiously typing away he leaned over the staircase and asked her up to his office.

"I remember thinking, 'Can I go into the president's office, the holy of holies, with sweats on?'" Mortenson says.

She was just as confused when he offered her a new position at Bethel University, something that she did not even know about. The position started out with the title of director of discipleship, a position she held for 23 years. Her role included encouraging women in their gifts and using them.
For Christa Mckirland, a graduate student at Talbot, the issue of women in leadership really comes down to who has the right to claim authority. Ultimately she sees God — Father, Son and Holy Spirit — as our divine authority, so for anyone to claim to have authority over another person for any other reason is simply invalid. Instead, Mckirland suggests that people commit to walking in their gifts, remaining obedient to the Holy Spirit and in this way earn the influence to speak into an issue.

Bakerpoole feels the complementarian stance is something that attacks the very personhood of women. Through their actions, she says, rigid complementarians are communicating that women are less than men and are cutting down on their value of who Christ says they are. In fact, gender becomes a moot point in the presence of God's calling on a person's life, according to Bakerpoole.

“I just don’t understand why leadership positions are determined by genitalia instead of gifting,” Bakerpoole says.

In 2000, Mortenson left her legacy at Bethel for the West Coast, something that took an extreme amount of trust to accomplish. She is now on staff at Whittier Area Community Church as pastor of spiritual development. It is here that Mortenson has experienced the most opposition to her role as a female pastor. Before starting at WACC, she was warned of a few particular people in the congregation who were especially concerned about women in leadership; one man even stood up during a board meeting and proceeded to boldly voice his opinion. But today, three of the couples she was warned about are now three of her key Bible study leaders.

As she has worked to become a pastor, Bakerpoole has similarly experienced the immediate red flags that go up in peoples’ minds when they hear the label “egalitarian.” For her, it puts the wrong focus in the wrong places and perpetuates the problem of gender being way too big of an issue. Instead, Bakerpoole is concerned with helping her community at large to grow and putting those needs first as the needs of her spiritual family. From this idea, she coined the term “communitarian” with some of her friends and now identifies with that group.

“Communities thrive when men and women can just work together, and when people can walk in their gifts without being limited by their gender, their race, their social or economic status,” Bakerpoole says.

A few years back, Mortenson was involved with a leadership network that was conducting a study on women leaving the church because they were unable to use their gifts. Limited to serving in very traditional roles, women executives and others who had been called to lead began to give up since there was nowhere for them to truly serve.

“If I’m wrong,” Mckirland says, “I can live for all eternity with being wrong about what I’m allowed and not allowed to do. What I can’t fathom is burying my talent because I thought I was supposed to.”
Standing in the Gap

When we think of Biola, we often think of a place filled with people whose lives have been anything but difficult, where everyone has been a Christian from the time they were just a young child. Break away from the stigma! It is far from the truth. Beneath the surface, Biola is made up of more than just lifelong Christians — it is a diverse community of people who come from all kinds of religious backgrounds and who bring suitcase after suitcase of issues from home. Not every student at Biola is fortunate enough to have a family full of believers, some struggle daily to work through the tension that exists between them and their family members.

Exploring the Tension

Imagine a life where you are the only Christian in your family. Your parents neither read the Bible nor believe in the power of prayer. Your brothers and sisters have no sense of moral direction and fill their lives with worldly things. Though tension fills your home, it’s kept to somewhat of a dull roar. You’re constantly questioning where you fit into this mess and how you should be witnessing to them without completely stepping on their toes. How does one coexist in the midst of this madness?

Winnie Fong, a senior psychology major, can speak to a situation similar to this. Fong’s parents believe in the power of luck and tradition and have not necessarily found a need for Christ in their lives. They did not raise their children in the church, nor did they immerse their family in prayer. Fong became a Christian during her sophomore year of high school, thanks in large part to two of her friends who kept pushing her to go to church. Though her parents had always been open to letting their children explore different philosophies and ways of life, they did not understand why Fong thought she needed God in her life. As a result of this, they would not allow her to attend church.

“I don’t talk to my parents about it because they wouldn’t be open to it,” Fong said. “They are very much set in their ways.”

So how did Fong learn to coexist in all of this?

Being completely honest with herself, Fong says she still has not found the strength within herself to stand up to her parents. She has learned to “turn off” her Christianity when she steps through the doors of her family home, forcing her into somewhat of a double life. The relationships within her family all revolve around a “Don’t talk, don’t tell” kind of philosophy.

Maybe it’s a different situation. What if, from the day that you seek advice from when the ways of the world begin to weigh you down. Your parents are Christians, though they did not always think this way. Your two siblings are your best friends. They are the two people you turn to in your times of need and the people who are planting the seed and God will water it.

A third scenario: your brother and sister are your best friends. They are the two people you turn to in your times of need and the people who are truly worth living for God. At this point though, neither of them is willing to hear what she has to say.

“We don’t really discuss spiritual or theological topics,” says Santi. “There have been times in the past where they would get really turned off by some of the things I had to say.”

Exploring the Solution

There are so many different situations that our fellow classmates and friends are struggling with, and these are just a few. The circumstances that surround these situations, and situations like them, are ones that should be treated with the utmost care.

So then, how can we learn to coexist in these stressful situations? Here are some suggestions:

Patience. Give your family members the opportunity to grow in God’s time. Do not feel like it is your duty to transform them; you are planting the seed and God will water it.

Engage in thoughtful prayer. Immers e yourself in God and include others in your prayers. Pray with a kind heart and not one of frustration. Get plugged in with the community around you and lean on others for support.

Witness carefully. Be cautious in how you approach people, especially when they happen to be a family member. They are broken
people, just as you are, so do not look down upon them.

**Compassion.** Have a servant's heart and emit God's love through your life. See them as God would see them.

**Seize opportunity.** If you see an open door, engage in healthy conversation.

**Do not become stagnant.** Tread carefully, but do not become so afraid to engage that you end up creating more tension yourself.

A thought from Nam: "Don't let things become callous. Be okay with being vulnerable and admit that you are scared for them."

The question in your head may be, "What if I'm the friend of a person in this situation?" I'm glad you asked! Here's a few helpful tools for you as well:

**Have a listening ear.** Be the friend that you would want someone to be to you. Listen to their stories with ears wide open and be sensitive to their situation.

**Check in.** Even if they do not come to you, let them know you care. Check back occasionally and make sure everything is going alright.

Pray with them and for them. Meet with them and pray for their family and for peace in their lives. Pray for them during your own time and ask God to give you wisdom in the situation as well.

Lastly is probably the most important of all: **Love.** Love your family members unconditionally, regardless of what they believe in, because that's what God calls us to do. Love them as Christ loves you and do not let any tension ever hinder that love.

**The Light at the End of the Tunnel**

Taking all these things into account, Nam was able to lead her father to the Lord; Santi is slowly opening the eyes of her siblings and is able to engage in more theological discussion; and Fong is still working through the tension, but now has these tools to help her.

A final scenario: Your mother raised you in the church. You and your two brothers attended Sunday School every morning and your father stayed home to watch the afternoon football game. As your brothers got older, they stopped attending church — it was just you and your mom sitting in the third pew every Sunday. One brother lost his best friend in a car accident, and the other realized that he was attracted to men and was tormented daily. Needless to say, they stopped believing there was a God. You chose God and they chose the world, creating a huge division between you and them. The tension is almost unbearable and makes any kind of conversation awkward.

This is my own story.

Look to your left, and then look to your right. Someone around you is bound to be struggling with a similar situation and you may be just the person to help! Do not be afraid to speak your opinion — it could be the right advice to help that person ease the tension that is present in their life.
“I got loans because I didn’t know what else to do,” says sophomore art major Andrea De Luca. After applying for financial aid and many scholarships, De Luca still did not get enough awards to attend Biola debt-free.

De Luca says that she doesn’t keep a budget and doesn’t know how much money to save for emergencies. But De Luca is not alone. According to a recent survey of 100 Biola undergraduates conducted by The Point Magazine, 70 percent of students surveyed say they don’t make a budget, and 33 percent do not save money for emergencies.

In the wake of continued economic downturn, steps have been taken at Biola to foster a movement that refines students’ awareness of their God-given resources, especially in terms of budgeting and saving for moments of need. Biola’s movement, still in the stages of infancy, will help students become aware of how to use their money to take care of themselves and be prosperous in their future.

The Movement

Students, faculty and staff are joining together to make this next generation of students literate in the world of personal finance. In Biola’s Accounting Department, Doug Keller and Gwenn Schwartz are two staff members who see the necessity and importance of teaching financial stewardship and literacy. These two have spearheaded the Be Cash Smart Campaign, which began with intentionally placed business cards and posters around campus with the slogan “Be Cash Smart.” Keller calls the campaign an offshoot of the accounting department’s Affordability Initiative.

Borrowed Money

Tuition is on the rise, and more and more students are having to rely on financial aid and loans to finance their college dreams. The National Center for Education Statistics reports that in 2009-2010, 85 percent of undergraduates at 4 year institutions received some form of financial aid, with nearly 59 percent carrying student loans.

Jasmyn Alvarez, a junior psychology major says she has two jobs, tithes every month, and estimates it will take her more than 10 years to pay off her school loans.

According to the Biola Accounting Department, most students are aware that much of their money is borrowed and has to be paid back, but because it allows them to reach their goal of college, they assume that they can figure out how they are going to pay it back later. The Be Cash Smart Campaign is to help students understand what this loan debt is and how they can best combat it.

“For many students this is the first debt they have ever had,” Schwartz says. “So we want to make sure students don’t get in over their heads with this first debt experience.”

Being Cash Smart

The Be Cash Smart Campaign is linked to a website called Cash Course. Keller calls it a “springboard for a lot of content.”

The website makes resources on loan accountability and basic principles of money management accessible to students in a relevant way. Keller states that the website is just the beginning of the resources the accounting department wants to make available for students.

“This is our dream,” he says. “We really want to be visible on campus.”

Keller and Schwartz are looking for relevant ways to help students be more aware of how they are spending their money. Schwartz states that debt is inevitable because Biola specifically is so expensive.

“We can be pretty sure that no student is going to get out of here with no debt,” she says.

Yet she and Keller are not pessimistic about this. They feel that since students cannot defy debt, education on how to deal with it gives students the confidence to be financially literate.

Money Matters to Students

Taylor Whitt, a senior business major and communications minor, also sees the need for students to be good financial stewards while in school so that they can be able to carry out God’s will for their lives without the stress of debt. Whitt started the Money Matters club, as a project for his Authentic Communications class taught by Dr. Tim Muehlhoff and Dr. Rick Langer. For Whitt, it’s not just a project anymore. It’s a revival of financial literacy.

“This is a movement, and a lot of people are starting to follow,” Whitt says.

With 13 members, the club meets once every week to have training and discussion on the importance of financial stewardship and literacy. Whitt says he likes the setting, yet hopes to see numbers grow from 13 to about 20 people within the coming semester.

He says that the club is needed on Biola’s campus because during member recruitment at Biola’s Club Fair, people would approach him and say “Money matters, yeah it does.” Yet Whitt wants Biola to “not just stop at saying this is important but actually take action.”

The club goes over a 5-chapter video series targeted at college students by Christian finance icon, Dave Ramsey. The series prompts plans to “not just stop at saying this is important but actually take action.”

Whitt is passionate about creating a community that is not only financially literate, but one that is using their literacy for God’s glory.

“We need to practice both building our wealth and being able to give,” he says.

Whitt sees being a financial steward as a major part of financial literacy.

“It allows us to keep a kingdom perspective and it’s just a reminder that everything we have here is not ours and it is a gift from God. If we are using those resources to bring glory to him, then our eyes will be fixed on the right thing, which is God,” says Whitt.

Bee states that when students graduate and want to get married, or go out and do missions, there are usually setbacks because of debt, and/or financial illiteracy. Bee says that students need to be more involved with their finances.

“Debt is a big deal,” he says.

Bee lets his students know that debt can hinder their future plans.

Deuteronomy 8:17-18 says, “then you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.’ And you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth that he may establish his covenant which he swore to your fathers, as it is this day.”

This movement of financial literacy is waiting for students to just dive in. The future of the movement is in their hands.

“Debt can actually enslave us from our plans of becoming debt free. If any student is currently carrying debt more than $5,000 dollars, he meets with them outside of class to walk them through their plans of becoming debt free.”

Bee states that being financially literate means being a good steward of what God has given you. Using biblical text, Bee teaches his students that the concepts of giving back and tithing are vital to biblical stewardship. “That paycheck is really God’s not yours,” says Bee.

The Challenge
If everything had gone according to his plans, Seth Wegter would currently maintain two homes: one in Seal Beach and the other in Washington, D.C. As a California senator, he would be helping to improve the home state in which he has lived his entire life. But as an English teacher and head wrestling coach at Wilson Classical High School in Long Beach, a professor of critical thinking and writing at Biola University, and a designer of his own handcrafted bag line, Wegter says God has clearly paved a different path than expected.

"Everything I thought would be the case, God said ‘No,’” Wegter says. “Instead of being disappointed, I learned to rely on God.”

After 3 years of preparing for law school at Cal State University Long Beach, Wegter’s passions changed. He took a few education courses, taught a few high school classes, and knew where God was really calling him: the classroom.

Home-schooled until high school, Wegter always wanted to be taught a certain way, so he decided there was no better way than to take it into his own hands.

In both teaching and coaching, he encourages excellence in his students and athletes. He writes next to his English students and works out next to his wrestlers.

"If I didn't do it," he explains, "I couldn't tell them to." By working alongside them, he establishes the authority in telling them to do it. He reminds his students that if he can juggle four separate jobs, they can handle any assignment he gives them.

Wegter never intended on designing and crafting handbags to become a full-scale job. As an artist, he began selling canvas bags on a whim for extra cash and was surprised by the overwhelming reception. When he began crafting with leather as well, the popularity of his line skyrocketed.

When large companies offered to carry his line, he refused because he would no longer be able to design and create every bag by hand. Since he didn't feel that it was in God's plan for him at the time because of all his other commitments, he didn't try to expand the business any further.

He continues to create satchels, purses, briefcases and handbags out of various materials, all by hand, customized for the client. Within each bag, Wegter includes an original piece of creative fiction as well as a Bible verse as a small witnessing tool to all of his clients.

Even with such a full schedule, Wegter says he lives in the moment. When asked what his ultimate goal is, he remembers what his mom always said: “Never get preoccupied with the end, because it only leads to disappointment.”

Rather than a dream job, he looks forward to being in heaven with God. In the meantime, he remains focused on the increasing number of young minds that he has the opportunity to mold. When he first arrived, the wrestling team at Long Beach Wilson had 15 boys. Seven years later, Wegter has recruited 100 wrestlers and his team is now a top five team in the district.

He uses his time both as a teacher and coach to set an example of God’s light and love.

"You have to be careful, ambiguous and strategic with faith,” he says about teaching at a public high school. While he cannot preach or specifically define his faith, he creates a unique, clean environment without cussing, partying, or any other negative influences for a teenager. He allows his example to demonstrate his faith.

Immersing himself in four different worlds every day takes much of Wegter’s energy, but he remains optimistic.

"There's always time. I use all my time to further God's kingdom," he says. He tries to use every facet of his life to spread God's light.

"For many, [evangelism] looks like going to Botswana," Wegter says. "For me, it's sewing, coaching and teaching."

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The Secret Lives of Adjunct Professors
Freshly graduated with an undergraduate degree in biology, the last thing John Mauch expected was to be taken on as adjunct faculty at Biola. He anticipated a job as a teacher’s assistant or some other menial position until he graduated Talbot and went to medical school. But before he knew it, he was facing a class full of freshmen embarking on their journeys of pre-medicine and biochemistry.

Enthusiasts of the sciences, Mauch and his high school friends always aspired to become doctors. His empathetic spirit coming from his own life experiences as an emergency medical technician also destined him for the medical field.

“Therapy and biology complement each other more than they contradict each other,” he says. Mauch’s background in theology has proven helpful in many conversations with other scientists or doctors about hot topics like evolution, stem cell research and abortion.

“Biology integrates with Christianity,” he said. “If it doesn’t, there’s something wrong with biology.”

Mauch was first introduced to Hope Chapel in Redondo Beach through his roommate during his time at Talbot. Since then, he’s been attending the twenty-somethings group, and after graduating Talbot last spring, he now hopes to put his master’s in theology to use by pastoring there.

Outside of teaching, ministry has taken priority in Mauch’s life. Mingling and building relationships with the 160 attendees of the college-age group at Hope has stirred in him a desire to preach. He has been working on sermons that he hopes to deliver every so often to the group that he has become so close with over the last few years.

Although his original plans were to go straight to medical school after graduating Talbot, Mauch says, “God plans our lives in ways we don’t expect.” He’s learning to wait on God in the midst of whatever comes his way, and to trust that God will direct him down the correct path.

Graduating from Biola with a communications major in 1980 groomed Mgrdichian for personal relationships, both in the classroom and in the business world. She says that she “prefers the people side of business over numbers.”

While getting her MBA in Marketing and Organizational Development at UCLA, Mgrdichian began baking cookies for her friends and study groups. From there, she began Lucy’s Cookies, named after her mother, selling primarily to corporate companies during the holidays. Although she knows her growing family cannot afford for this to be a full-time job, she thrives on the relationships that she builds both with individuals and with corporations.

“I’m constantly amazed by how things turn out and how God was always behind the scenes,” she says, describing the surprising success of her cookie business. Running this business is an outlet for her to relax and take a break from lesson plans or running her kids around town. However, juggling three things was still not enough for Mgrdichian.

“I’ve always been eclectic and get bored really fast,” Mgrdichian says, explaining how she ended up with so much on her plate.

While raising her triplets, Mgrdichian became unsatisfied with the minimal options for children’s entertainment, so she and her friend, a mother of two, set out to keep their kids’ attention while still stimulating their minds. Combined with the skills of her music producer husband and creative director brother, this idea became a reality. Calm Baby is a video with water-based visuals and classical music aimed at relaxing babies between 0 and 36 months, before they can be entertained by shows like Sesame Street or Dora the Explorer.
LAUREN MGRDICHIAN
Owner, Lucy’s Cookies
Mother of triplets
President, Calm Baby
Biola Adjunct Faculty, on and off since 1988
Biola Faculty, Business Department

Calm Baby is distributed through Amazon and Toys R Us stores throughout the United States as well as in Japan, and within its first two years, it was awarded the Video of the Year Award by Parenting magazine.

“I have no idea what God has in store,” Mgrdichian admits when speaking of the future of Calm Baby, Inc. She does, however, continue to work at making new material for videos, CDs and even toys, hoping to branch out and develop the line further. It was experience particularly through her two companies that has helped Mgrdichian thrive as a professor for the last 25 years at Biola.

“I’ve always liked teachers who aren’t full-time teachers,” she says. “They brought a different edge to the classroom.” Despite having the title of a full-time teacher now, Mgrdichian still keeps up both Calm Baby, Inc. and Lucy’s Cookies, bringing her experience from the business world into the classroom.

“Learn to knit so you can knit scarves for all your friends and family. Christmas shopping made simple!”

“Choose an instrument with a funny name and learn to play it. Hurdy-gurdy? Didgeridoo?”

“Buy an ugly plant and name it. (All the companionship without the hassle.)

“Ding dong ditch your neighbors and leave them a Mr. Potato Head.”

“Scrape the rust off your bicycle and bike to the grocery store. Try out the handy Biola Shuttle.”

“Take five minute showers! (Doing the impossible!)

“Consciously choose to recycle.

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“Soak up the sun while studying by Fluor Fountain.”

“Attend an awkward ORRAD with a stranger.”

“Bond with your floor mates during a floor retreat.”

“Take a weekend road trip with some buddies.”

“Plan a cheese fondue party. Experiment with different cheeses. Ask the Cheese Society for recommendations!”

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Pictured above is the classroom of alumnus Michael Long, 2008 California Teacher of the Year.

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DO SOMETHING NEW.

LEARN FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.

BE OUTDOORSY.

GROW SPIRITUALLY.

THIRTEEN

THIRTEEN

ELEVEN

ELEVEN

SIX

SEVEN

FOUR

GET FIT! (REALLY.)

Kahlie Colwell // Emily Cariaga // Tomoko Taguchi

Record a prayer journal for one month. See how God grows you through the experience!

Ask to be mentored by an older person from church, and learn from their wisdom.

Intentionally and consistently pray for the needs of others.

Make Saturday “Sabbathing” a regular part of your week with God.

Bike to the beach.

Seal Beach: 30 Miles. Easy!

Pull out those old sneakers and join an intramural sports team.

Run up caf hill.

Be the ultimate backwoodsman and camp where there are no public facilities.

Go for an afternoon picnic with friends at La Mirada Park. Don’t forget the football!

Plant a small vegetable garden.

Pumpkins for pumpkin pie!

Feed the Biola ducks. (Instant way to make friends.)

Attempt to make yourself dinner. Remember: third time’s the charm!

Daydream about where you hope to live one day when you finish growing up.

Apply for a summer internship.

Update your résumé.

Switch things up and send your family a care package!

Send each member an item that reminds you of them.

Good ol’ Skype date!

That way even Fido can pop his head in and say hi!

Write a letter. (It’s always fun to get mail!)

Keep your family up to date with a blog of your grand adventures.

Bravely exhibit your talent in some public forum. Punk N’ Pie talent show?

Challenge yourself to run the LA marathon. Goal: FINISH.

Learn to ride a unicycle.

Write a book. (Even if you never publish it.)

Apply for a job and save hard-earned money.

Track your spending habits with a yearly budget.

Buy one less latte a week!

Take Dr. Rick Bee’s Bible class “Faith and Money”.

Track the kids’ beds, diets, hair, and hygiene.

Buy an old bicycle. Fix it and ride it every day. Build your own bike.

First, find your surroundings; then, a great bicycle.

Ask yourself a question: why do you love to eat dinner?

Drink a gallon of water a day. See how good you feel.

Get up early.

Learn through the internet.

Ask yourself: why do I love to eat dinner?

Find out how old you are and join intramural sports.

Tell your parents all about the food and join intramural sports.

Eat lunch today. Love life. Eat!