

# The Evangelical Tradition<sup>1</sup>

*Notable Figures*

*Significant Movements*

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## **Jesus of Nazareth (c. 4 B.C. - c. A.D. 29)**

Peter the Apostle (1st century)  
Ignatius of Antioch (c. 35-107)

Athanasius (c. 295-373)  
Basil the Great (c. 330-379)  
Ambrose of Milan (c. 339-397)  
Jerome (c. 347-420)  
John Chrysostom (c. 347-407)  
Ninian (c. 360-c. 432)  
Patrick (c. 390-c. 461)  
Augustine of Hippo (354-430)  
Peter Chrysologus (c. 400-c. 450)

Benen (?-467)  
Columba (521-597)  
Wilfred (634-709)

Willibrord (658-739)  
Boniface (680-754)  
Constantine (826-869)  
Methodius (c. 815-884)

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Sigfrid (?-c. 1045)	
Dominic (c. 1170-1221)	Dominicans (13th century to the present)
Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)	
John Wycliffe (c. 1329-1384)	
Martin Luther (1483-1546)	Protestant Reformation (16th century to the present)
Huldrych Zwingli (1484-1531)	
Francis Xavier (1506-1552)	
John Calvin (1509-1564)	Roman Catholic Missionary Movement (16th century to the present)
George Whitfield (1714-1770)	
William Carey (1761-1834)	Great Awakenings (18th-19th centuries)
Charles Finney (1792-1875)	
John Veniaminov (1798-1879)	
Ivan Nicolai (Kasatkin) (c. 1836-1912)	
Charles Haddon Spurgeon (1834-1892)	Protestant Missionary Movement (18th century to the present)
Dwight L. Moody (1837-1899)	
Mary Slessor (1848-1915)	
Billy Sunday (1862-1935)	
John R. Mott (1865-1955)	Student Volunteer Movement (19th-20th centuries)
C.S. Lewis (1898-1963)	
Billy Graham (1918-)	

## Practicing the Word-Centered Life: The Evangelical Tradition<sup>2</sup>

1. Read the Bible for fifteen minutes a day. Choose a method of reading (for example, tackling a chapter or a section a day) and follow it. Let the Bible influence the course of each day.
2. Meditate on John 1:1. Write the verse on several three-by-five cards and put them on your bathroom mirror, on the dashboard of your car, and in places where you spend a lot of time. As often as possible, pause, read the verse, and meditate on the mystery of Jesus Christ as the living Word of God.
3. Ponder John the Baptist's role. Read John 1:6-9 several times, paying particular attention to what John was to Jesus (a "witness") and what his task was (to "testify" about Jesus). Consider how John's example can help you be more assertive in your proclamation of the gospel.
4. Read a chapter of the Bible before falling asleep. Reading from the Bible just before we retire for the night is a nice way to end the day. It also helps us awaken with the word of God on our mind. You may want to read the chapter aloud with your children or your spouse or your college roommate.
5. As you carry out your regular activities this week, think about the following question: How has my newfound understanding of Jesus as the living Word of God affected the practice of my faith? Record your response in your journal.
6. Talk about your faith in Jesus Christ with a relative or close friend. Often we neglect to talk about our faith with the most important people in our lives!
7. Meditate on a psalm once a day. The psalms are wonderful prayers that help us commune with God. Let the words of the psalms be your words. Read them slowly, over and over, until they become your prayers.
8. Meditate on the mystery of God entering history. Read John 1:14, remembering that "Word" in this verse refers to Jesus Christ. The apostle John writes that "the Word became flesh." Hold this mystery before God and ask him to help it take root in the deepest recesses of your soul.
9. Make a real effort to reach others with the message of Christ. When you are talking with someone, guide the conversation into issues that affect you deeply, such as life, death, meaning, and so on. Ask the person how he or she feels. If you discern little interest, politely drop the subject. But if you sense a yearning to hear more, freely share what Christ means to you.

<sup>1</sup>Taken from *Streams of Living Water* by Richard J. Foster, Page 186

<sup>2</sup>*A Spiritual Formation Workbook, Page 95*