

Part 1: A Road Map for Faith

## INTRODUCTION

Wouldn't it be great if there was a map for our faith journey like there is for hiking trails? What if there were mile markers along the way that help us to know what we could be feeling and experiencing at any given point? What if there were real life warning signs that helped protect us from dangers and death? The good news is there *is* a map of spiritual growth with mile markers that will help you in developing your relationship with God.

## LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

- 1. Have you ever gotten lost on a trail? What happened?
- 2. Have you ever thought about the concept of a spiritual trail guide or road map? How does knowing there is one make you feel?
- 3. How would you describe where you currently are on your spiritual journey?
- 4. What have you considered to be the destination of your spiritual journey? Does it line up with what Buck described? How or how not?
- 5. Thinking about Trail Marker #7, which aspect of a relationship with God seems most enticing: being completely one with God, completely fulfilled, completely secure, or completely free? Why did you choose this one?

## THIS WEEK

Write down your description of your current relationship with God and then list the next few steps you'd like to take in order to move towards being one with God, fulfilled, secure, and free.

"I pray for them all to be **joined together** as one even as you and I, Father, are joined together as one. I pray for them to become **one** with us so that the world will recognize that you sent me. For the very glory you have given to me I have given them so that they will be joined together as one and **experience the same unity that we enjoy**."