



Spiritual Elevations

Below are the Glory Mountain elevations. Each level builds on the previous one. Try to find the altitude that best describes where you are in your spiritual journey. Then use your Trail Map and tools for the C.L.I.M.B. to reach the next level.

Press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 3:14



Mt. Everest – 29,028 feet

Elevation	Description	Upward Dimension toward Jesus	Inward Dimension toward Self	Outward Dimension toward Others
VALLEY	pre-Christian condition, not trusting in Jesus, no eternal life, unbeliever	There is no connection with Christ. Like a disconnected skeleton in the valley of dry bones, a person who does not believe in Jesus shows no vital signs of eternal life.	This person lives by the “it’s all about me” philosophy. Standards for values and behavior are self-generated according to what best fits the personal goals of satisfaction, success and self-fulfillment.	Relationships are used for self-centered purposes. Other people have significance only as they provide assistance with or support for or fulfillment of personalized values.
BASE CAMP	accepts Jesus as Savior and Lord, receives forgiveness of sins and eternal life, believer	By grace one believes that Jesus died to forgive sins, was resurrected in victory over death, and has sent his life-giving Spirit. A decision is made to accept Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Then by faith a person experiences forgiveness, eternal life, and the indwelling Presence.	A person’s orientation changes radically. There’s an awareness of personal sins committed against a holy God. Confession of sins and repentance are practiced. Self-centered standards for values and behavior are surrendered, and Jesus begins to reign in life.	Love rules the heart. Relationships are shaped by the forgiveness, mercy, compassion, grace, and truth that have taken root in a heart filled with Jesus.
5,000 FEET	loves Jesus, attends church sometimes, becomes a church member	Life in Christ begins to take root and grow. The spiritual life blossoms as prayer and worship become important. Trust in Jesus and dependency upon his Spirit for assurance mark the heartbeat of a follower.	With spiritual freedom comes the inward struggle between the forces of light and darkness. Following Jesus requires denying self and taking up the cross. Pruning away the old self and old habits is important.	Connection to Christ means connection to his Body, the church. Fellowship with other followers grows. Like grapes clustered together on the vine, close relationships with other Christians are valuable for support and encouragement.

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10,000 FEET	follows Jesus, makes choices out of obedience to Christ, faithful on Sunday mornings, grows in discipleship	Love for Jesus matures into faithful obedience. This consecrated life grows in the knowledge of Christ and his teaching. Obeying the Lord is first and foremost on the mind of a disciple.	There is a strong hunger for the Word of God and desire to live under its authority. Being a disciple means having a teachable spirit and a willingness to live life upstream against the current of the world.	Mentoring relationships begin and learning to do the truth is enjoyed. There's a new awareness of those who obey Jesus and those who don't.
15,000 FEET	shares Jesus, uses spiritual gifts with passion to serve others, actively involved in the fellowship and ministry of the church, lives life missionally	Being part of the Body of Christ means partnership with Jesus. This commissioned life serves Christ by being involved in ministry and mission. The Lord's call to be sent out is heard and responded to.	There is an awareness of personal spiritual gifts and passions. Using what God has given to help others and build up the church is fulfilling. Being an active, functional, instrumental part of the church is important.	Extra effort is made to serve together with others to be the light of the world and make a huge, positive, eternal difference. A commitment is made to be on a mission everyday to connect people to Jesus – to his grace, truth, love, and power.
20,000 FEET	honors Jesus everyday in everyday, seeks first the Kingdom, gives sacrificially, rows in holiness of heart and life	The Holy Spirit fills the heart and mind. By grace, a person becomes the dwelling place of Jesus' holy presence. This holy life honors Christ by being like him and behaving like him everyday in everyday.	Sanctification is the process of becoming Christlike. Inward cleansing purifies all thoughts and motives. Choices are made out of a pure love of God and a righteous hate of sin.	In the priesthood of believers the focus is on blessing others. Living and giving sacrificially are priorities. Humbly walking with the Lord means working hard for justice and mercy.
25,000 FEET	leads others to accept Jesus, loves sacrificially, pours out life as a servant leader	The crucifixion and resurrection of Christ are lived out daily. "I no longer live but Christ lives in me" (Galatians 2:20). This poured out life is unconditionally surrendered to the will of God.	Fruit of the Spirit is fully ripened. Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control are clear and strong characteristics.	"The greatest among you will be your servant" (Matthew 23:11). Powerful, positive, life-changing influence upon others comes from being a servant. Leadership is exercised through loving concern.