

expression of self  
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# past photos

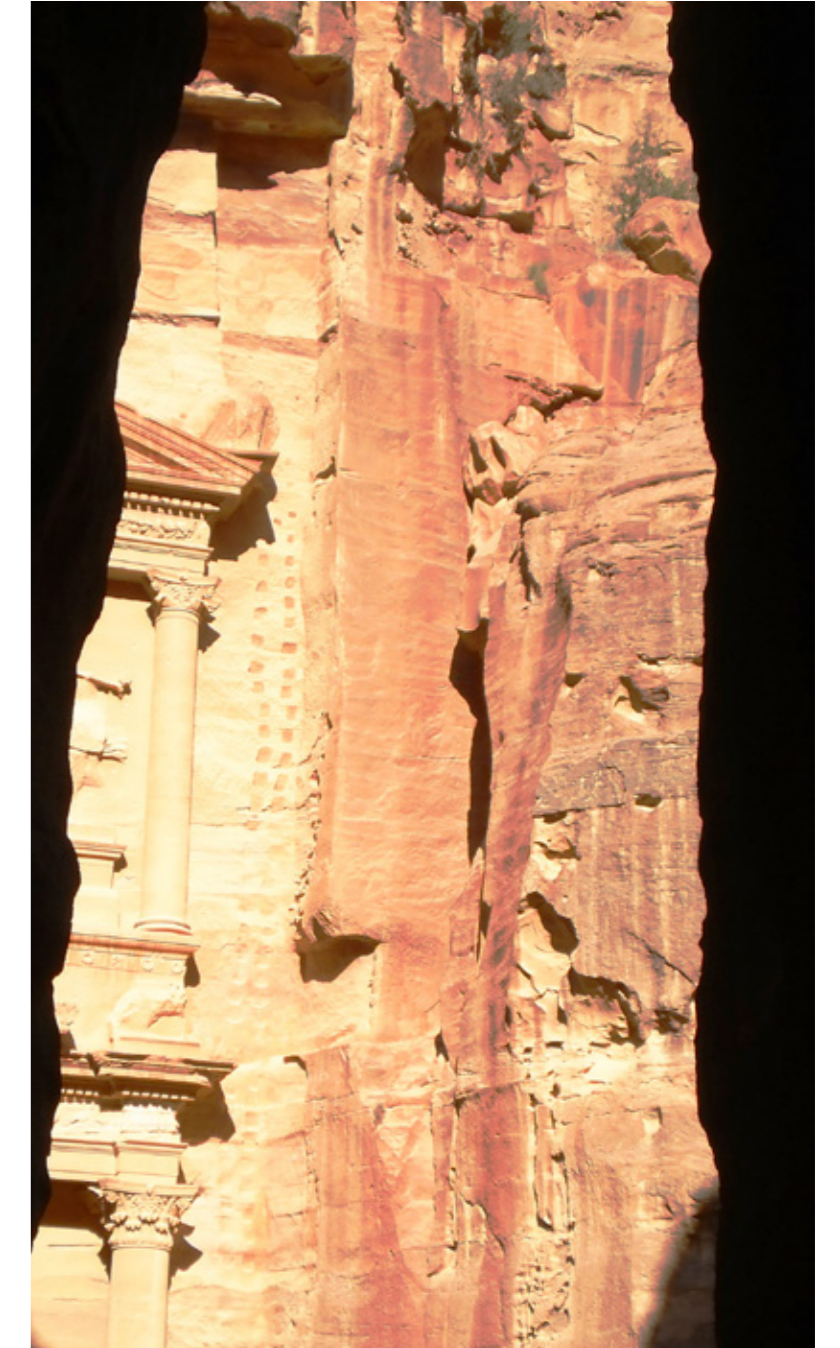
If you ever get the chance to travel through the Holy Land, take it! And make sure to take a good camera. This part of the world is so beautiful, and it has so many different cultures coming together. It is hard to explain, or even portray through photography the unique beauty of this part of the world. You just have to experience this for yourself.

On the following pages, I will show some of the elements that I think are important to consider including in your own photography.

These three pictures were all taken in the Holy Land. The picture on the left is from Petra in Jordan, and the structure is called "The Treasury."

The top right picture is from the inside of The Church of the Holy Sepulcher, where Catholic tradition holds Jesus Christ was crucified, buried, and was resurrected.

The bottom right image is of the very recognizable Dome of the Rock. The location Muslims believe to be where Mohammad ascended into heaven in a dream. Muslims also believe this location to be where Abraham nearly sacrificed his son Ishmael.





color



# urban scenes

Blue and urban scenes go really well together.

I like urban photography because it gives a real feel for our modern lives. It's rare that we go out and see a landscape for ourselves anymore. But by capturing scenes from the city, where most of us spend a majority of our day, we can see that our surroundings also have beauty of their own.





people



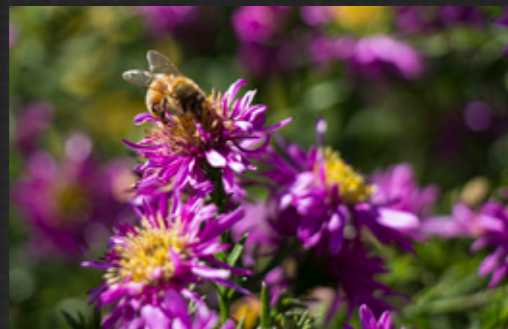


# focus

Our eyes are an amazing part of our bodies, but they cannot quite focus like a camera can. So often we see just like what the camera sees when it has a “shallow focus.” We don’t realize this, because whatever we are looking at is what is in focus usually, but we cannot see everything in focus like a camera can either. We need to choose what to focus on. Those things become clear to us, then when we look away to focus on something else, we will lose focus on what was in focus before.

What are you focusing on?

nature shots





# contrast

One of the most powerful elements of photography is contrast. You can play with contrast with light and shadow; color or black and white; mess, and organization, showing a subject, or the absence thereof.

Contrast makes the photography interesting. If these shots were to show the entire subject, it would look like some nice stock photography of a cabin, and a stove. By only showing part of the subject it leaves you wondering what the rest of it looked like.

I chose to also contrast the saturation and the black and white to exemplify that bold colors don't always make a picture great, and black and white has a place too. Different horses for different courses you could say.





perception

# what is art?

When taking pictures, sometimes I am so tempted to just take pictures of what I know other people find beautiful. "If I take a picture of a rose then surely it will be appreciated," I think to myself. But really who was the first person to take a picture of a rose?

I think that art is more of seeing the beauty in everyday life, rather than recreating something that is beautiful. Abstract photography is so beautiful because the artist saw something that no one else had been able to capture in quite the same way.

What is it that only you can see the beauty in? Will you capture it?



# brett jenkins

Ever since I was young I wanted to go to the Holy Land. This is possibly due to the fact that I was born in a city in Pennsylvania called Bethlehem, which at a young age got me thinking about going to the original Bethlehem.

I love photography, music, art, food, and business. My educational background is in business marketing. My aspirations are to work in the business side of the music industry. I would love to have an excuse to always have music around me.

My family is very important to me. As you might have been able to guess, I also love to travel.

For this book, I took and edited the pictures, I did the layout design, and wrote the content.

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