

## Back Button Focusing

### Back Button Auto-Focus

- ❖ What is BBAF?
  - Take auto focus off the shutter button, which also activates metering and takes pictures
    - Like the difference between automatic and manual transmission
    - Leave the camera in Canon AF servo mode or Nikon AF-C (AF continuous)
  - Why?
    - Focus and Recompose – makes off-center composition easier; landscape focus 1/3 into scene, recompose
    - Pre-focus – then shutter won't ruin focus
    - Selective focus – avoid intervening passing non-subjects while still taking pictures
    - Macro – pre-focus, move forward or backwards for critical focus
- ❖ Canon – available in program, aperture-priority, shutter priority or manual mode



- Look for **C.Fn** or **Shutter/AE Lock Button** wording
  - If there is a slash in the option, the part before the slash is the shutter behavior, the part after the slash is the back button behavior

- Some option examples:
  - **Metering + AF Start** – no slash; shutter button handles both behaviors. Back button also activates AF
  - **Metering + AF Start / AF Stop** – back button locks focus, preventing shutter button AF
  - **Metering Start / Meter + AF Start** – back button AF and metering
  - **AE Lock / Metering + AF Start** – back button AF, shutter locks exposure when down
  - **Metering + AF Start / Disable** – shutter button does AF, Exposure, back button disabled

## ❖ NIKON

- Settings → A (autofocus) → A5 (AF Activation) → AF-ON only



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- Can turn focus lock dial to L and just use focus-and-recompose