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## Recalibration

**Obi-Wan:** I've recalibrated the code, warning all surviving Jedi to stay away.

**Yoda:** For the clones, to discover the recalibration, a long time, it will take.

*George Lucas, from "Star Wars: Episode III – Revenge of the Sith"*

I've never watched a *Star Wars* movie. I've no idea who Obi-Wan or Yoda are, what code was to be recalibrated, why they wanted the Jedi to stay away, if "the clones" are significant – and why Yoda isn't able to speak proper English. Clearly, his sentence construction needs recalibrated.

The word "recalibrate" has come up regularly in conversations in recent days. A "recalibration" is about making sure something is being measured accurately. That's why we have the "weights and measures" people who check optics in pubs to make sure the customer isn't being cheated. And that's why I ask the consultant in my *Slimming World* class if her scales might need to be recalibrated when I think I'm lighter than I am. I even doubt the *Strava* App (of which more at another time) I use to measure my running when I think I've run faster or further than it's telling me. We have to trust the accuracy of our measurements. And if we don't, maybe we have to look at recalibrations.

When we come through this pandemic, we'll still have to deal with work, home, family, church, leisure, personal well-being, use of time, mental health, faith. But we may have to recalibrate some of these things. Measurements we've never thought much about may have to be checked to make sure they're accurate. What will my relationship be with my grandsons whom I've hardly seen for a year, whereas before I was with them every week? I don't know. The relationship will still matter, but I can't take it for granted. I'll have to make sure it's measured accurately. And what of faith? In all the reflecting I've been engaged with in the past year, faith still matters. But *how* it matters, what's important and what isn't, is being recalibrated. And I'm still working on the measurements.

"For the clones, to discover the recalibration, a long time, it will take," said Yoda. "A long time" for me too ... Whatever happens from here on in, it looks as though my code will always have to be recalibrated.

### A prayer for today

*Lord, do I need to measure your love  
when I'm still figuring out the calibration? Amen.*