

WHY LOVE LIGHT

*Being a Disciple
of Christ in Your
Jerusalem and
beyond...*



Bill Marianes

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STEWARDSHIP
CALLING



“Helping people and parishes discover and live their stewardship callings so that they may have a good account before the awesome judgment seat of Christ.”



Orthodox Ministry Services

I was **hungry**...

did you give me something to eat?

I was **thirsty**...

did you give me something to drink?

I was a **stranger**...

did you invite me in?

I needed **clothes**...

did you clothe me?

I looked **sick**...

did you care for me?

I was in my **prison**...

did you visit me?

“...whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for Me.”



**YOU are the
image and
likeness of...**



GOD

I am the old image and likeness of...

Almost Midnight



EXCLAIM





3

Exclamation Points



WHY



Love



Light



Find Your WHY



Share The Love



Be The Light



Find Your WHY

WHY Are You Here?





**“That the end of our lives
may be Christian, without
pain, blameless and peaceful,
and for a**

**WHY Are
You Here?**

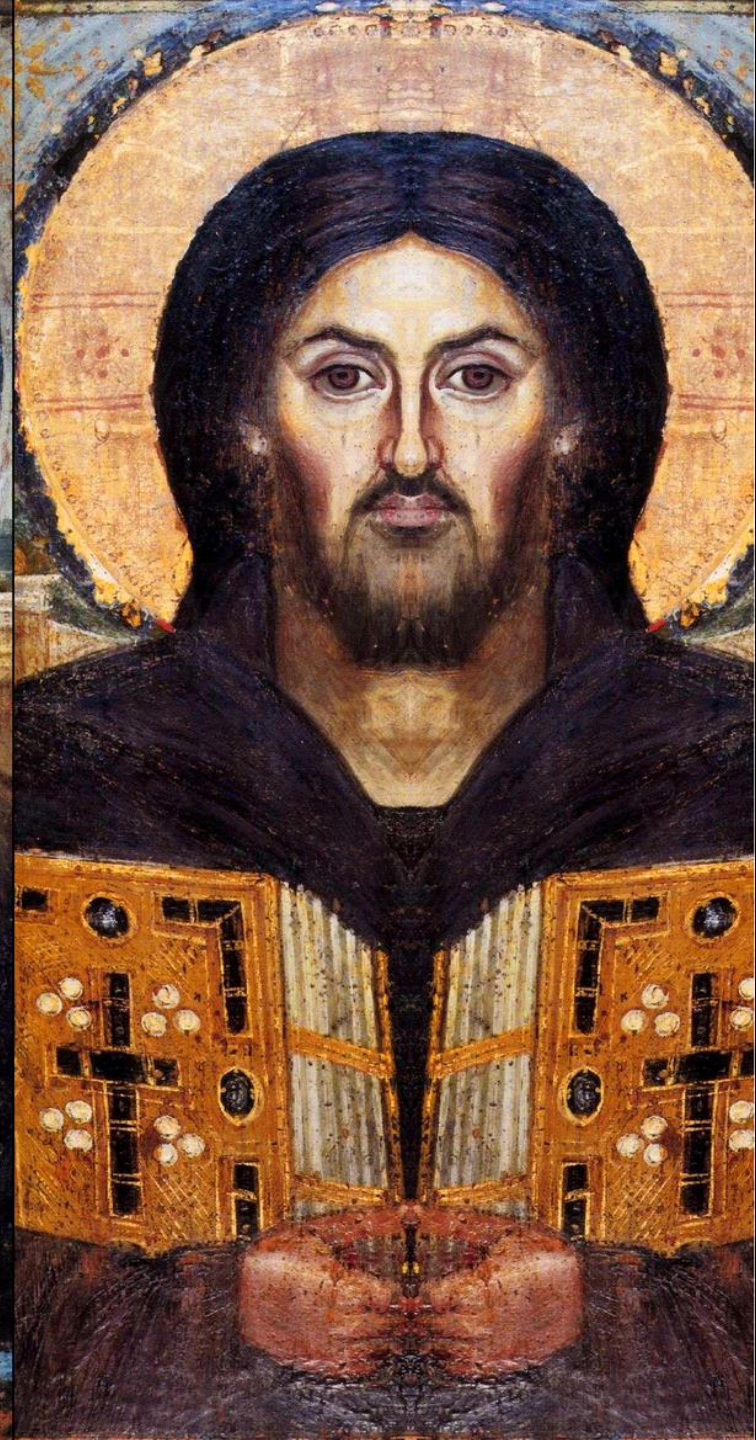
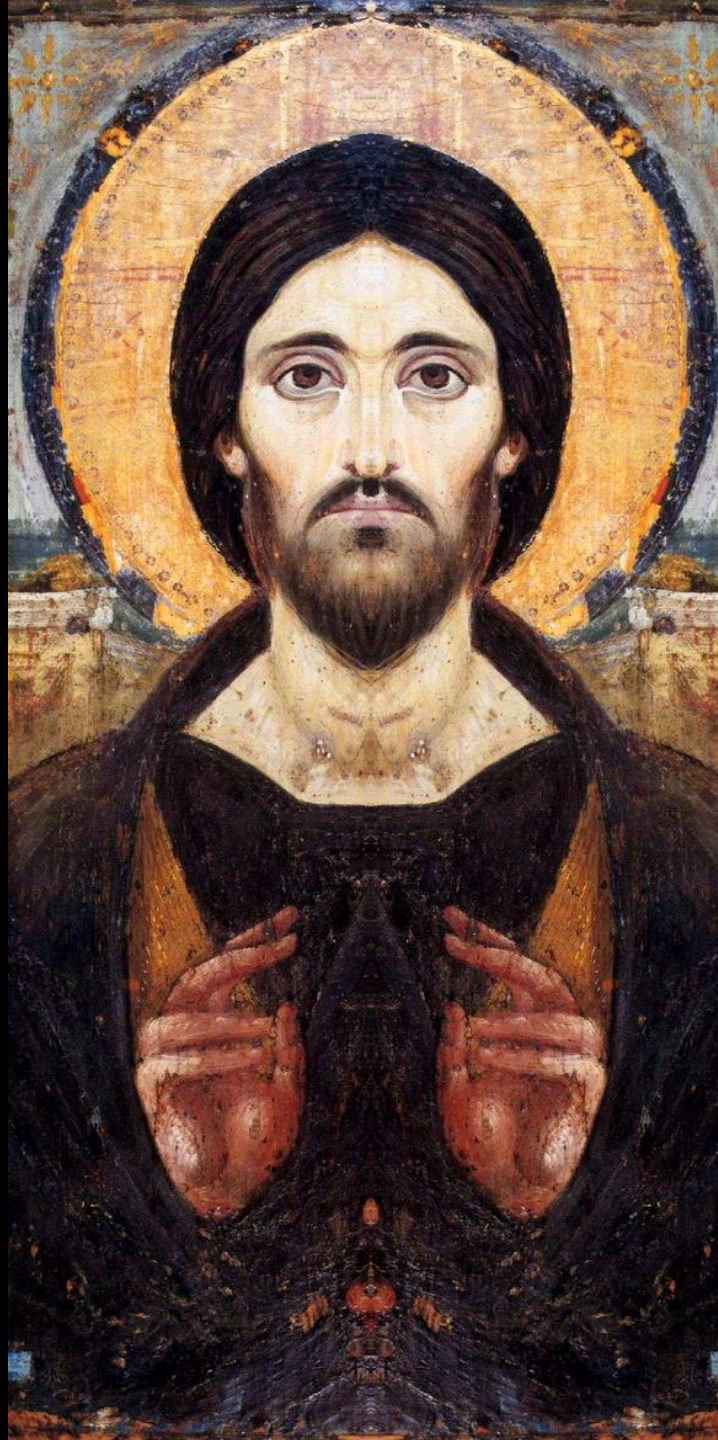
**GOOD ACCOUNT before the
AWESOME JUDGMENT SEAT
of CHRIST.”**



2 Corinthians 5:10

Orthodox Divine Liturgy

**Christ's
very
difficult
question**

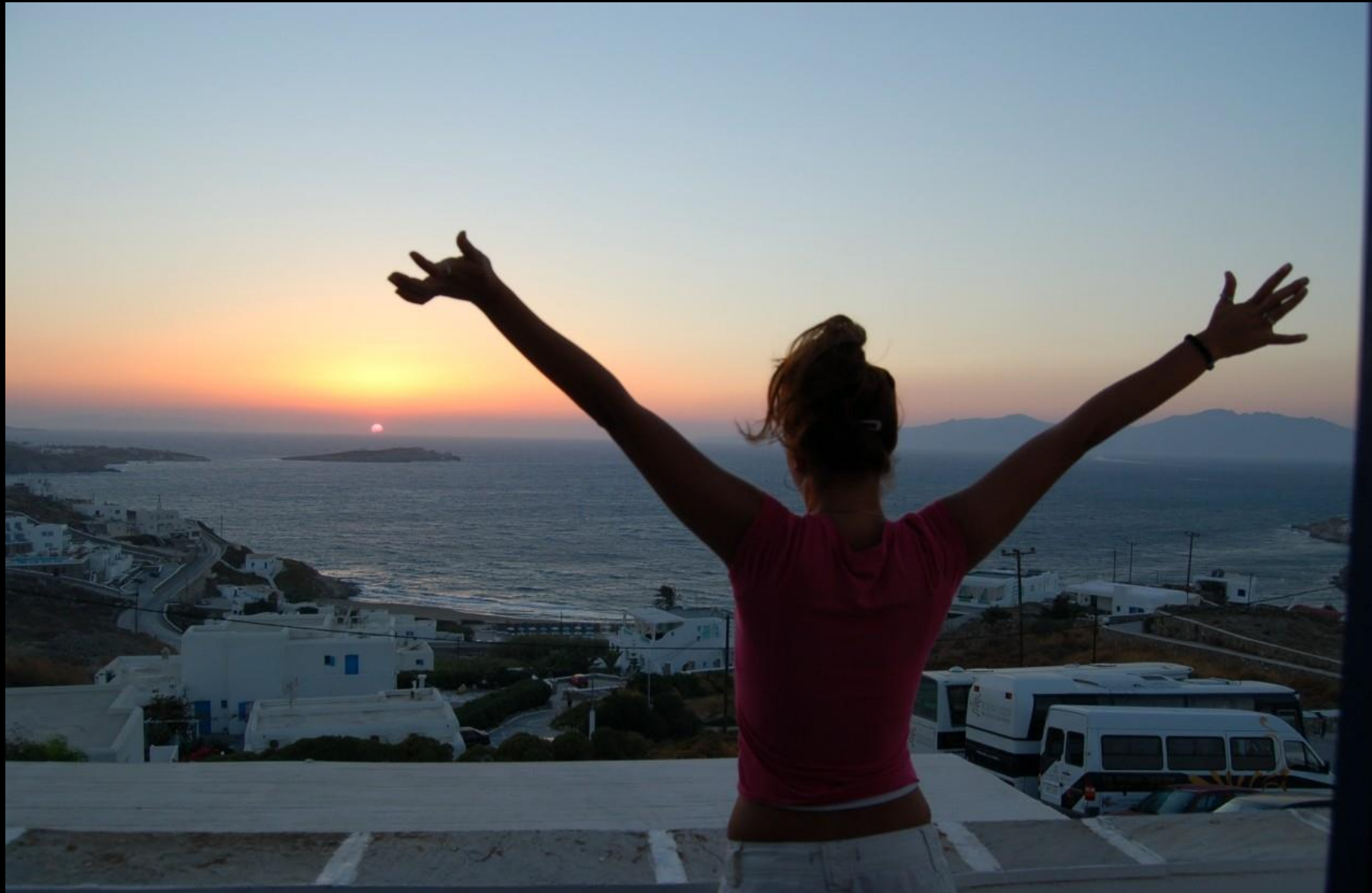




What did **you** do, for **My** church, under **your** watch, given all the gifts **I** gave **you** ?



Find Your WHY





Find Your WHY



*“I beg you to walk worthy of the **calling to which you have been called.**”*

Ephesians 4:1

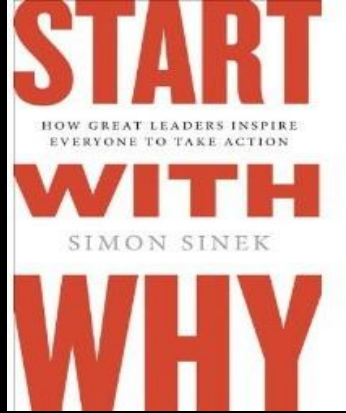
*“... to **each one of us grace was given** according to the measure of **Christ’s gift**... some to be **apostles**, some **prophets**, some **evangelists**, and some **pastors and teachers** for the equipping of the saints **for the work of ministry**...”*

Ephesians 4:7-13



Simon Sinek

Find Your WHY



“How Great Leaders Inspire Action”



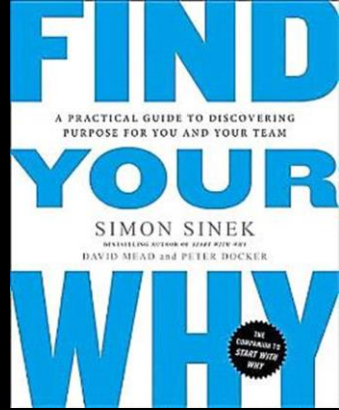
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Simon Sinek

Find Your WHY



“People don’t buy-in to what you do. They buy-in to why you do it.”

“But if you don’t know why you do what you do, how will you inspire anyone else to follow you?”



3 Critical Actions





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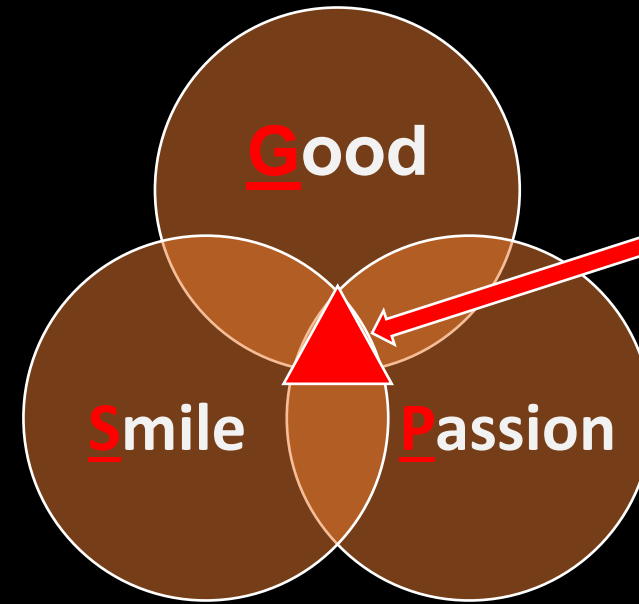
- 1. Acknowledge that GOD is in control**
- 2. Listen to God's messengers**
- 3. Reassess your big events to connect the dots of your life's journey**

3 Critical G.P.S. Questions





**3 Critical
G.P.S.
Questions**



**Your
G. P. S.
WHY**

- 1. What am I Good at?**
- 2. What am I Passionate about?**
- 3. What makes me Smile?**

BILL MARIANES

REVITALIZE STEWARDSHIP IN
YOUR PARISH AND PERSONAL LIFE

A STEWARDSHIP CALLING



Ancient Faith
PODCASTS

~~Wise~~ “The Orthodox WHY Guy”

1. “GPS” - The GOD Positioning System

(1-31-16)

2. Why Am I Here? (7-31-16)

3. Good and Faithfull Servant Through
Living Your Stewardship Calling

(with +Fr. George Livanos) (5-26-21)

4. Why Are You Here on Earth? What Is
Your Purpose? (with Jim Huling) (8-31-20)

1st Wednesday each month
& months with a 5th Sunday

<https://www.ancientfaith.com/podcasts/stewardshipcalling>

Stewardship Calling

What are you doing with all of the gifts God has given you?

The screenshot shows the website's navigation menu with the following items: WHY ARE YOU HERE?, EFFECTIVE CHURCH MODEL, STEWARDSHIP, STRATEGIC PLANNING, INTERNET RADIO / PODCASTS, KEYNOTES & LEADERSHIP, BLOG, RESOURCES, UPCOMING PROGRAMS, PERSONAL, and HAGIA SOPHIA. The main content area features a banner for the YAL Conference 2021, held from September 2, 2021, to September 6, 2021, with a sunset background and cacti. Below the banner is a section titled '2021 – EXCLAIM Your Faith' with a graphic that says 'EXCLAIM YOUR FAITH ARIZONA LABOR DAY WEEKEND'. The text on the page states: '64% of today's young adults leave the church when they leave their family's home. There is no bigger challenge the Orthodox Christian church faces. Indeed, its future depends on understanding and reversing this trend. To begin to address this challenge, all Orthodox Christian young adults are called to gather in Phoenix, AZ over the 2021 Labor Day weekend. Young Adults attending will focus on discovering their personal WHY, exploring their calling more profoundly, enjoying amazing fellowship and activities, forming lifelong friendships, growing deeper in their faith, and transforming their lives in an ideal environment.'

Stewardship Calling.com

Keynotes & Leadership Tab

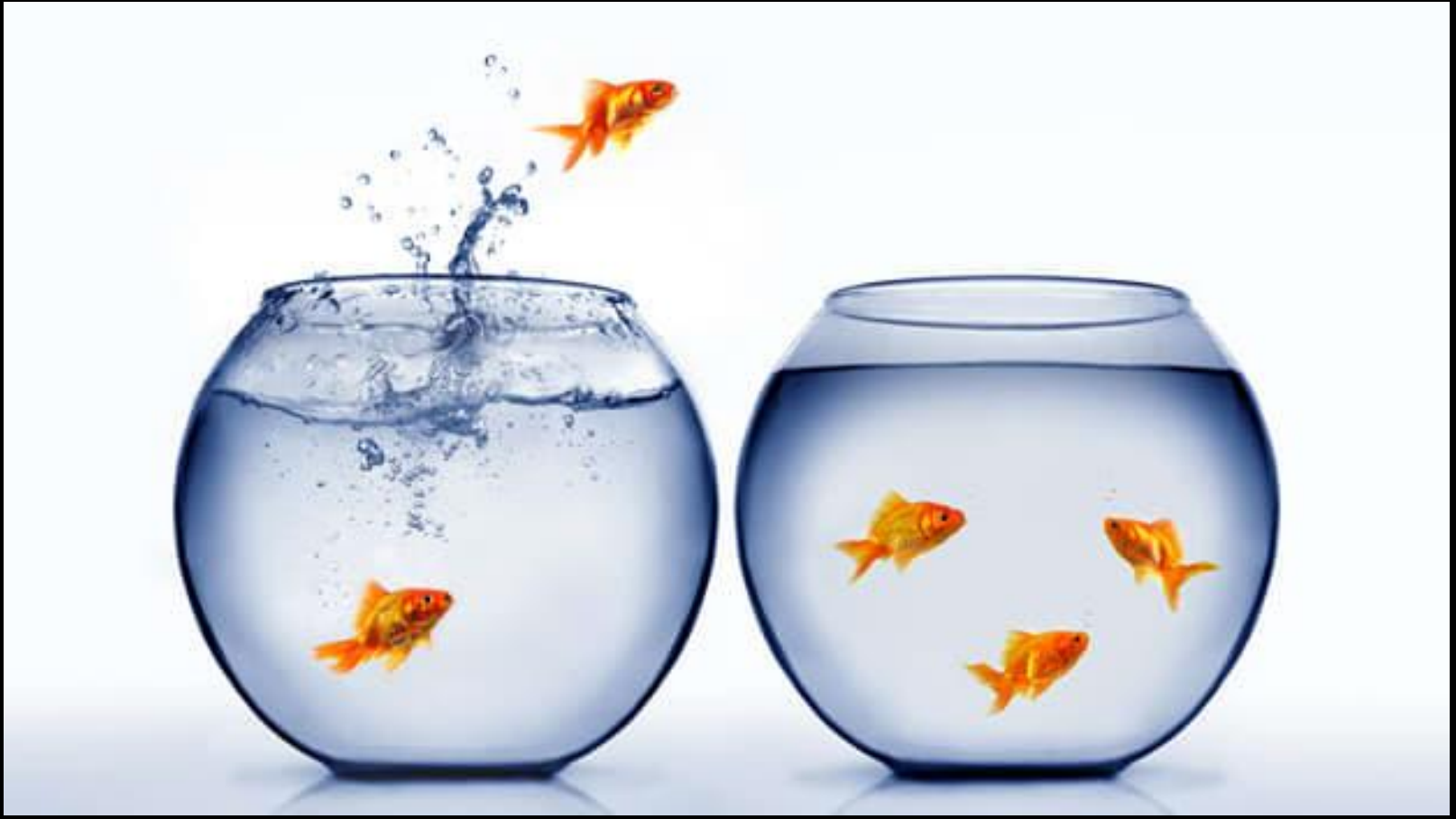
YAL Conference 2021 Page

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**Coach's
“Clean
Sheet Of
Paper”
Talk**

“When was the last time you reinvented yourself?”



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~ Reassess everything when you change schools, jobs, cities, relationships, etc....

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~ At all life inflection points, reinvent yourself and become who you are called to be.

Not So Fast Getaway

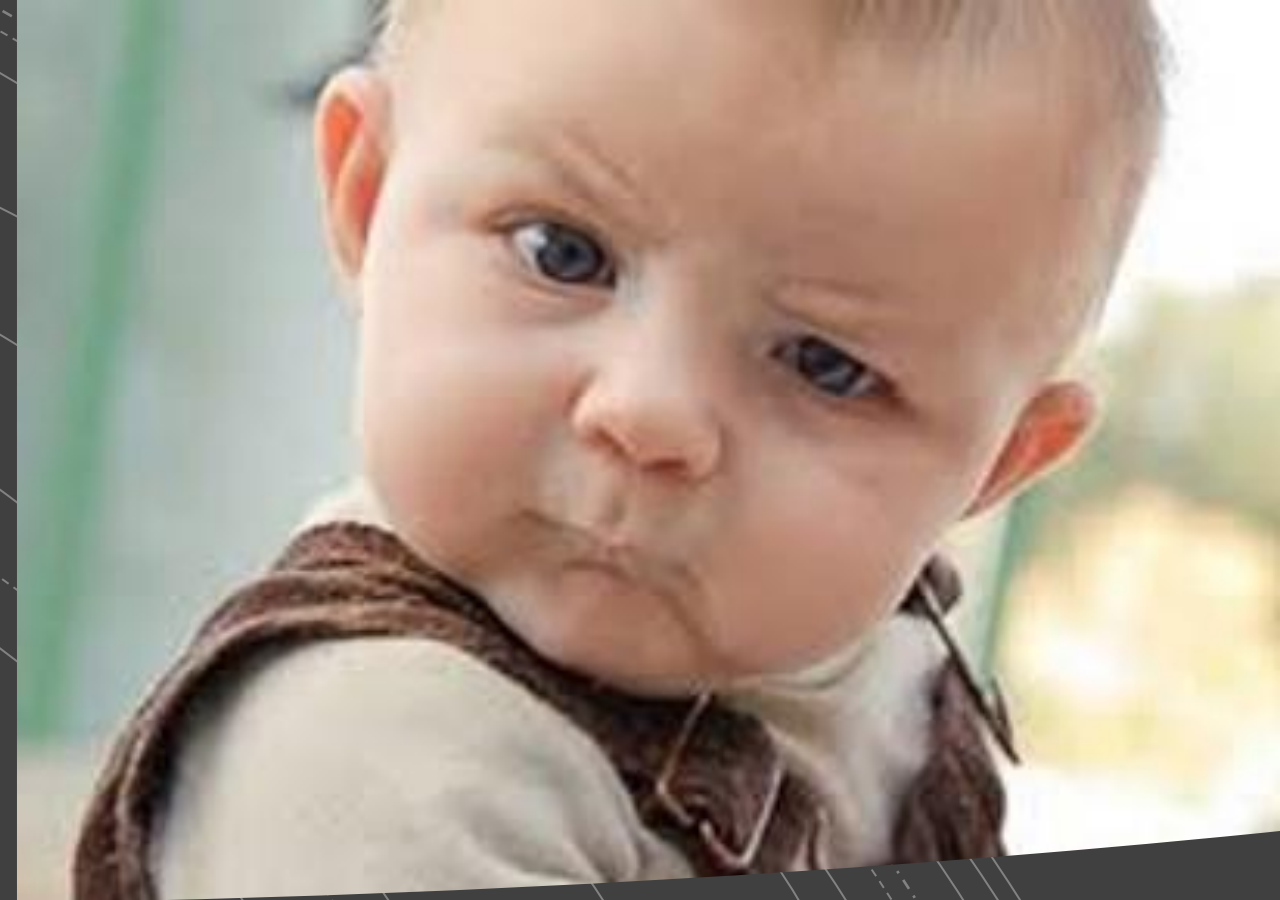


In seeking your WHY, be:

- ~ patient
- ~ diligent
- ~ flexible
- ~ persistent

***“Change is the only constant,
so constantly change.”***

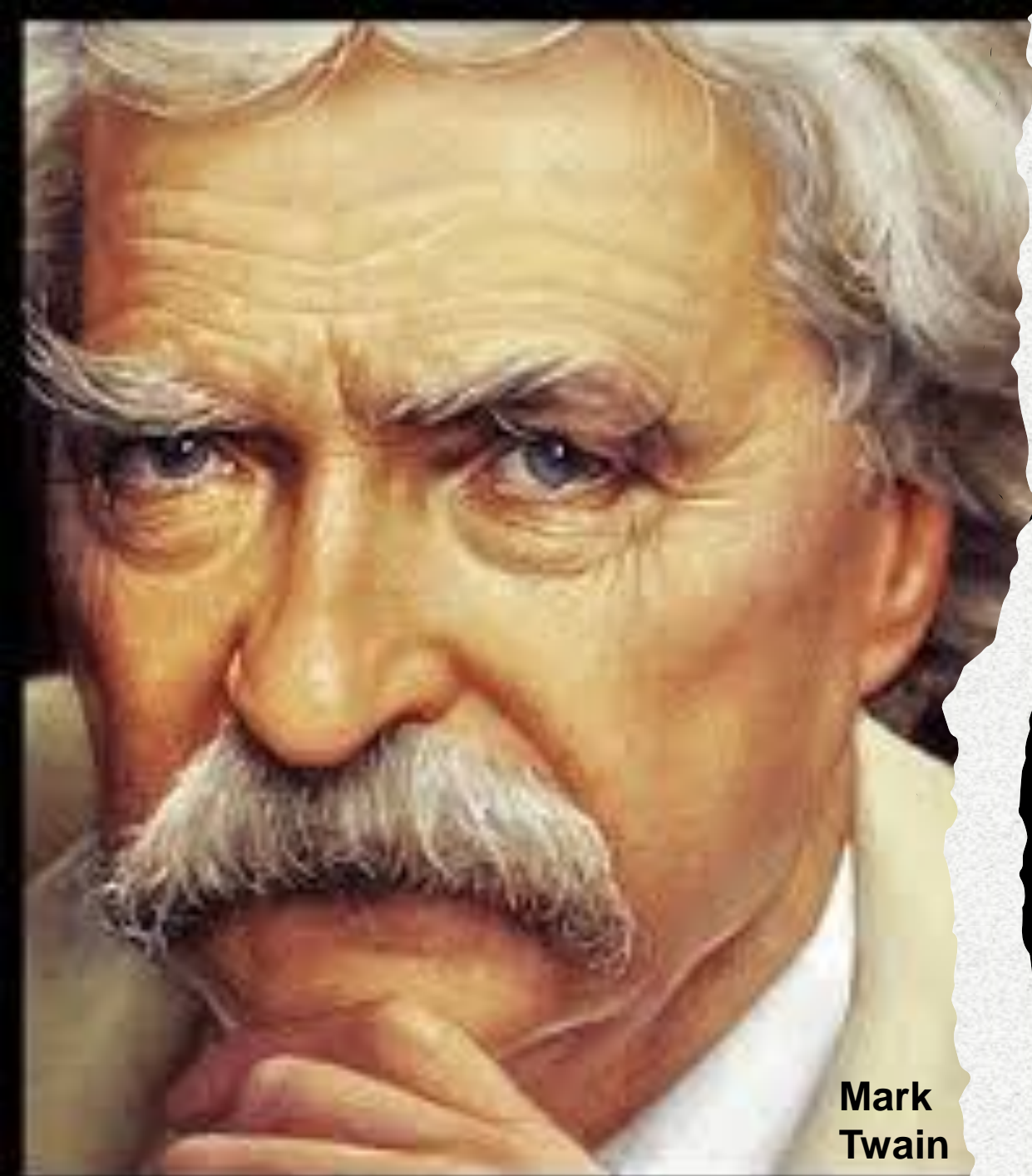




**But what if my calling is,
shall we say, “different?”**



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Mark
Twain

Find Your WHY



“Two of the most important days of your life are:

First, the day you were born; and

Second, the day you figure out why.”

Share The Love



Last Things First





“A new commandment I give you.

*That you **love one another**, as I
have loved you.*

*By this they will know you are
my **disciple**;*

*that you have **love** for one
another.”*



The Birth of Charming Bill





Always

- ~ joke & smile
- ~ help before being asked
- ~ thank, 'ma'am' & 'sir' folks
- ~ be your most charming self

The Birth
of
Charming
Bill

Opening Salvo



When someone asks me:



“Thank God, I’m great!”



My Parting Shot

“Have a blessed day.”



**My Parting
Shot**



A photograph showing two men walking away from the camera in a parking lot. The man on the left is wearing a white t-shirt and dark shorts, carrying a blue water bottle. The man on the right is wearing a white tank top and dark shorts, carrying a white bag. They are walking past several parked cars, including a silver SUV and a dark SUV. The background is filled with more cars and greenery.

The “Baltimore Beggars”



The
“Baltimore
Beggars”

Always GIVE

~ freely

~ willingly

~ joyously

~ without judging

~ without expecting a return

Ukulele Man



Van Mom & Child





Ukulele Man, Van Mom & Child



“We make a living by what we get.

We make a life by what we give.”

Sir Winston Churchill



**Ukulele
Man, Van
Mom &
Child**

The Single Guy's Dilemma





OPEN:

- ~ your eyes
- ~ your ears
- ~ your heart



The Single Guy's Dilemma



GOD will:

- ~ send you messengers
- ~ give you opportunities
- ~ show you your calling



Today, you can
be the answer
to someone's
prayer !

Can You
Multiply By
10x ?





Can You
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10x ?



Matthew 25:14-30

The Only Formula You Need To Know

$$S(\omega) = \frac{\alpha g^2}{\omega^5} e^{\left[-0.74 \left\{ \frac{\omega U_\omega 19.5}{g} \right\}^{-4} \right]}$$
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The Only Formula You Need To Know

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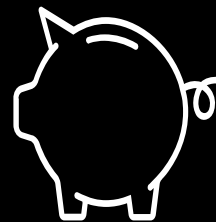
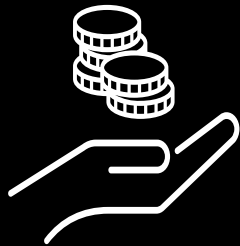
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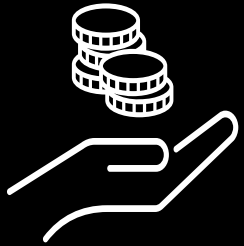
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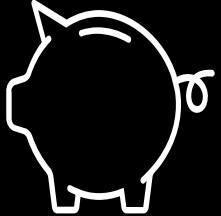


The Only Formula You Need To Know



Give

FIRST 10%



Save

SECOND 10%



Live

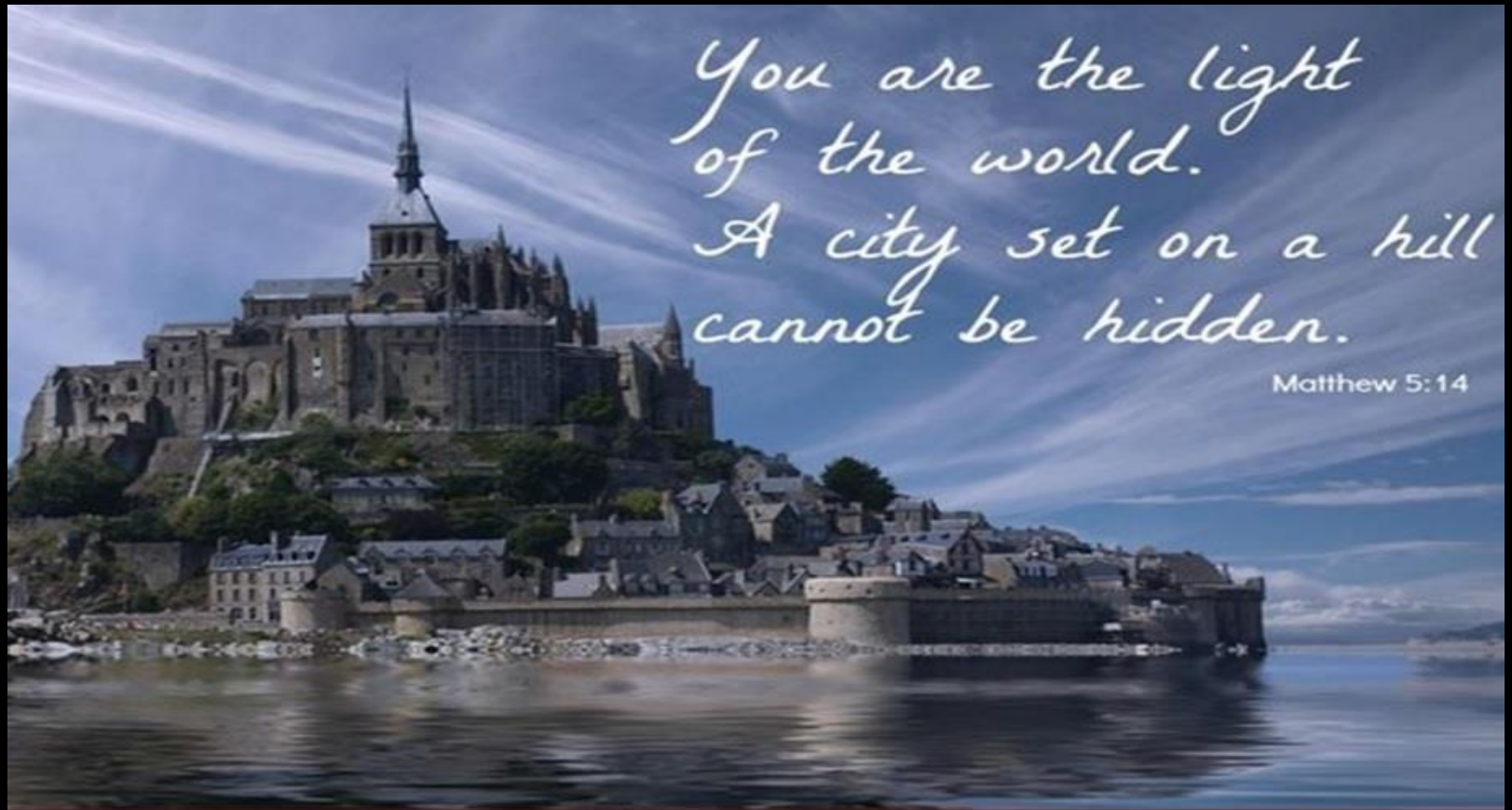
LIVE ON 80%



Be The Light



Be A Human
Light Bulb



***“Let your light so shine before men,
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.”***

Darkness is not a thing.



It's merely the absence of



You can be a Human Light Bulb





**Hearing
The
Voice Of
GOD**



Hearing
The Voice
Of GOD

Conduct yourself as if
GOD is there with you...

~ everywhere you go
~ in every interaction
~ at all times

...because HE is !

The Sultan's Commandment



Everything you say & do, reflects on:



- ~ you
- ~ your family
- ~ me
- ~ all Orthodox Christians
- ~ your Creator

The Sultan's
Commandment

*“Do everything you do to the glory
of the One who made you.”*



“I Want What She’s Having.”

What Would Jesus Do ?





What Would
Jesus Do ?

Christianity historically spread explosively after crises:

1. Antonine Plague (2nd Century) killed **25%** of the Roman Empire while Christians cared for the sick.
2. Plague of Cyprian (3rd Century) A Roman crisis during which Christianity grew explosively.

Pagan Emperor **Julian** **complained bitterly** about how “the Galileans” cared for even non-Christian sick people



“IT'S NOT BUSINESS,
IT'S
PERSONAL”

- ~ The 1st step someone takes toward Christianity is **they trust a Christian.**
- ~ They say "**yes**" to a Christian's invitation.



“IT'S NOT BUSINESS,
IT'S
PERSONAL”

~ Our Christian church might not exist
if “The 12” didn’t say “**YES**” to Christ.

~ Engagement happens by **personal invitation.**



“IT'S NOT BUSINESS,
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PERSONAL”

~ **71%** of “Big Box” church parishioners
invite someone to attend church with
them **at least every 6 months!**

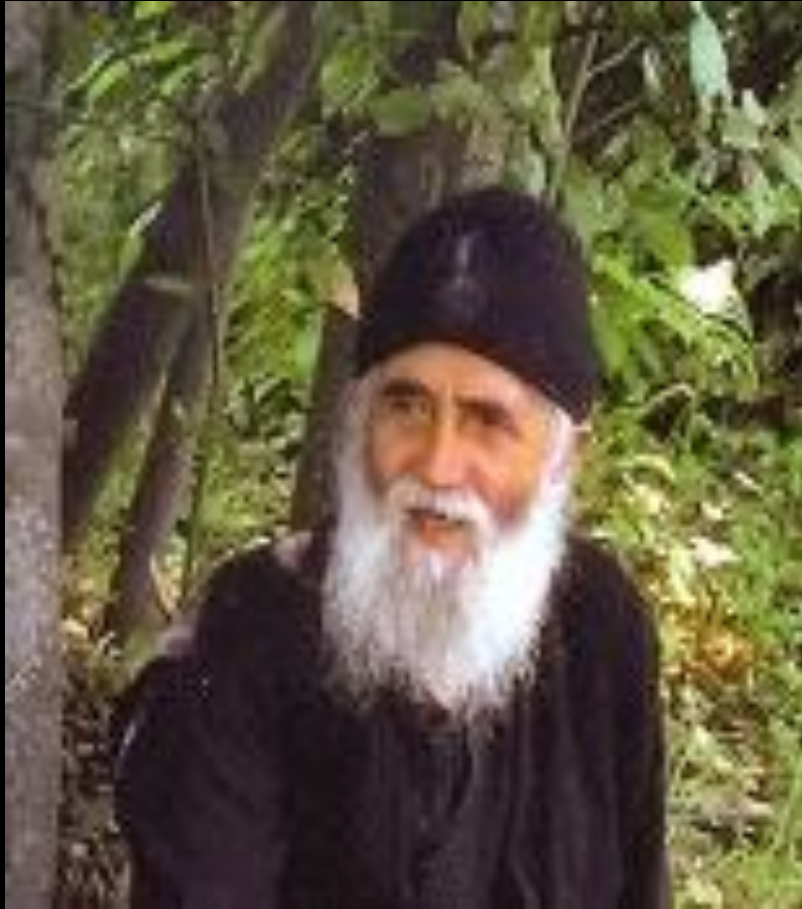
(25% invite 3 people every 6 months)



~ When did **you** last invite someone
to say "**yes**" to join you at church?



Tough Love



St. Paisios the Athonite

**“The spirit of luke-warmness reigns.
We’ve been spoiled for good.**

How does God still tolerate us?”



St. Paisios the Athonite



**“Today’s generation is the generation
of indifference.**

There are no warriors !

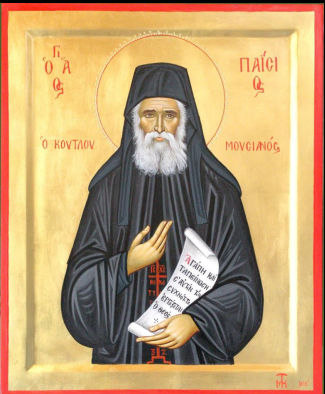
**The majority are fit for parades and
feasts only.”**



St. Paisios the Athonite



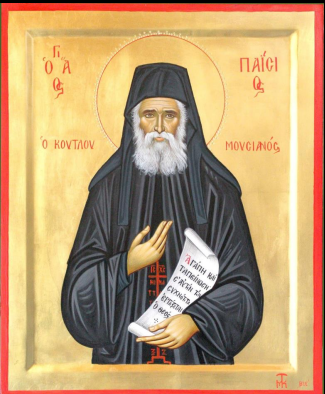
“Even people who’ve got something inside have begun to grow cool saying, **‘Can I really do anything to change the situation?’**”



St. Paisios the Athonite



“We have to **witness** our Faith with **boldness**, because if we continue to remain silent, we’ll have to **answer in the end.**”



St. Paisios the Athonite



“In these difficult days, **each must do** what is in their own power.

Leave what’s out of their power to GOD.

In this way, our **conscience will be clear.**”

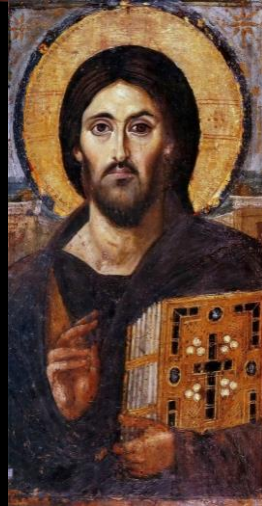


St. Paisios the Athonite



The Final Words





“And you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, in all of Judea, in Samaria and to the ends of the earth...”

Acts 1:8

Your Great Commission Map



The Ends of the Earth

Samaria is only about 35 miles North of Jerusalem



You're only 7,448 miles West of Jerusalem

Your Great Commission Map



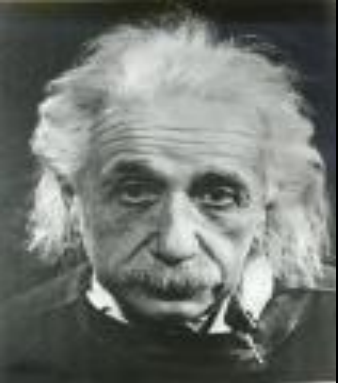
Continue to the **Ends of the Earth**
Living your **WHY**,
Sharing the **LOVE** and
Being the **LIGHT** of the World



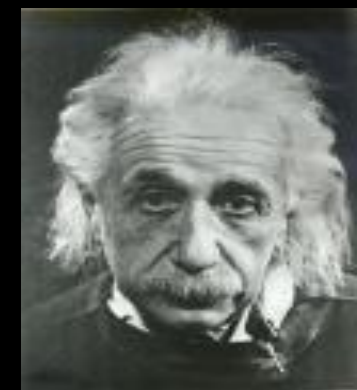
Your **Samaria** is your country

Your **Judea** is your state

Your **Jerusalem** is wherever you are



Albert's Insight



What was Albert Einstein's greatest contribution?

$$\cancel{E=mc^2}$$

“NOTHING HAPPENS UNTIL
SOMETHING MOVES.”



The Marianes Corollary



**“NOTHING HAPPENS
UNTIL SOMEBODY
MOVES.”**

You have now been called as one of the 70 Disciples

(Luke 10:1)

Find your Why

Share the Love

Be the Light



TURN *the* PAGE



**There comes a day
when you realize
turning the page is
the best feeling in
the world.**

**Because you realize
there's so much
more to the book
than the page you
are stuck on.**



TURN *the* PAGE

Convo Questions

1. What is my WHY, or what will I do to Find My WHY ?
2. What have I done, or will I do, to Share The LOVE ?
3. What have I done, or will I do, to Be The LIGHT ?
4. What have I done, or will I do, to Be A DISCIPLE In My Jerusalem And Beyond?

What if your
whole world
turned
upside-down

*What
would you
do if you
weren't
afraid?*



1 MORE INFINITE THOUGHT



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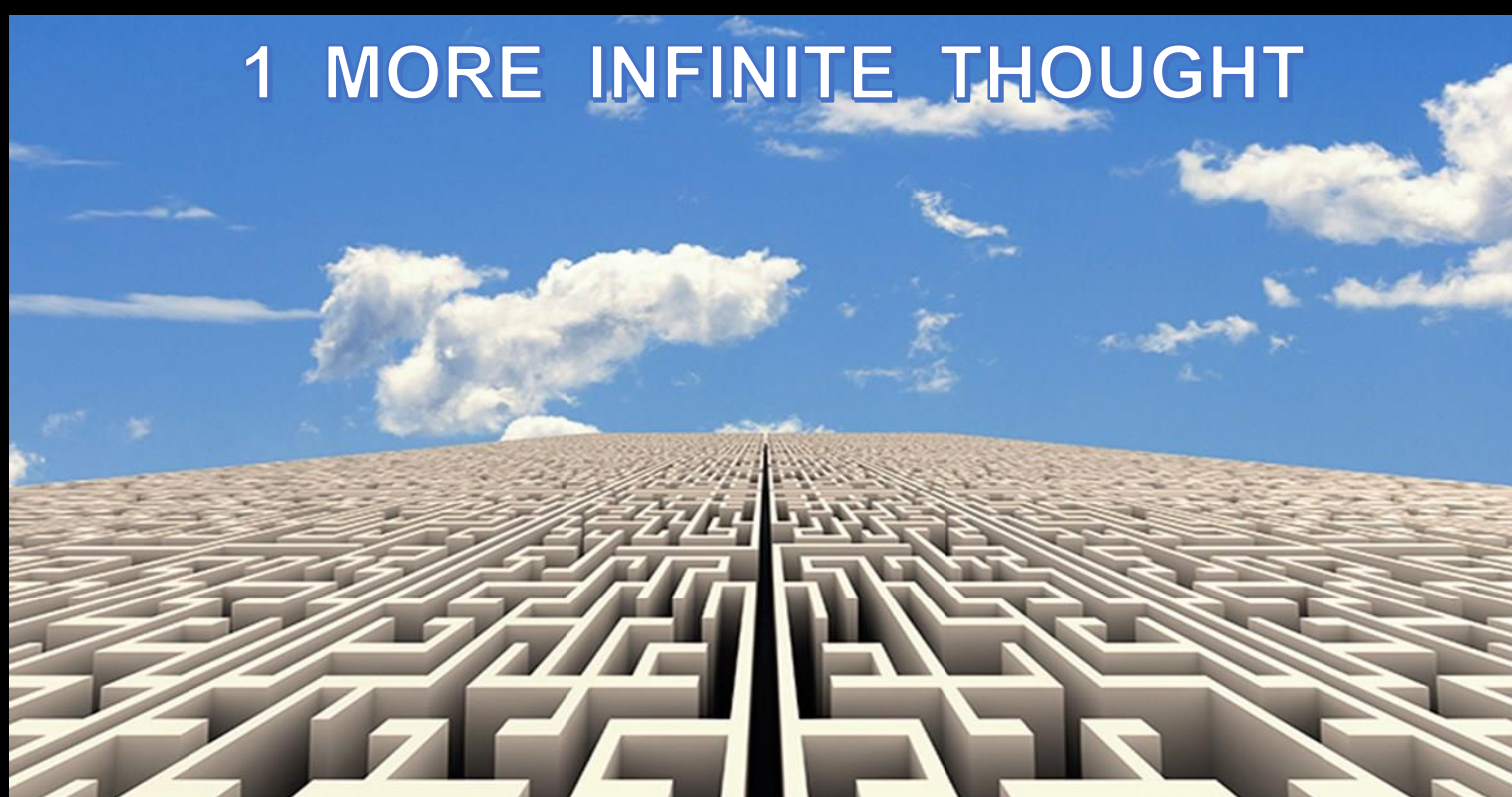
DAKTRONICS

GUEST

29

You are
playing an
 ∞ game...

1 MORE INFINITE THOUGHT



HOME

34

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DAKTRONICS

GUEST

29

...not a
finite game.

FINITE GAME

- ~ players are known
- ~ rules are fixed
- ~ endpoint is clear
- ~ winners and losers are easily identified

(like football or chess)



INFINITE GAME

- ~ rules are changeable
 - ~ there is no defined endpoint
 - ~ players come and go
 - ~ there are no winners or losers
 - ~ there is only ahead and behind

(like life itself)

GO FORTH

The image features a dark, stormy sea with white-capped waves crashing. The text 'GO FORTH' is superimposed in the center, rendered in a thick, black, hand-drawn font. The letters are slightly blurred and appear to be floating or being carried by the water's movement. The background shows a horizon line under a pale, overcast sky.

**The
sky
is
not
the
limit...**



**...because
there are
footprints
on the
moon**



TODAY, is the day we...



**MAKE
HISTORY**



TODAY, is the day we **DO SOMETHING !**

DO
SOMETHING !

Music: Matthew West

The image is a composite. The foreground shows a close-up of a woman with dark hair hugging a young child from behind. The woman is wearing a light-colored, textured sweater. The child has dark hair and is looking down. The background is a dark, sepia-toned photograph of a city in ruins, with skeletal remains of buildings and smoke in the air. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

**I woke up this morning,
saw a world full of trouble
now.**

**I thought, how'd we ever get so far
down ?**

How's it ever gonna turn around ?

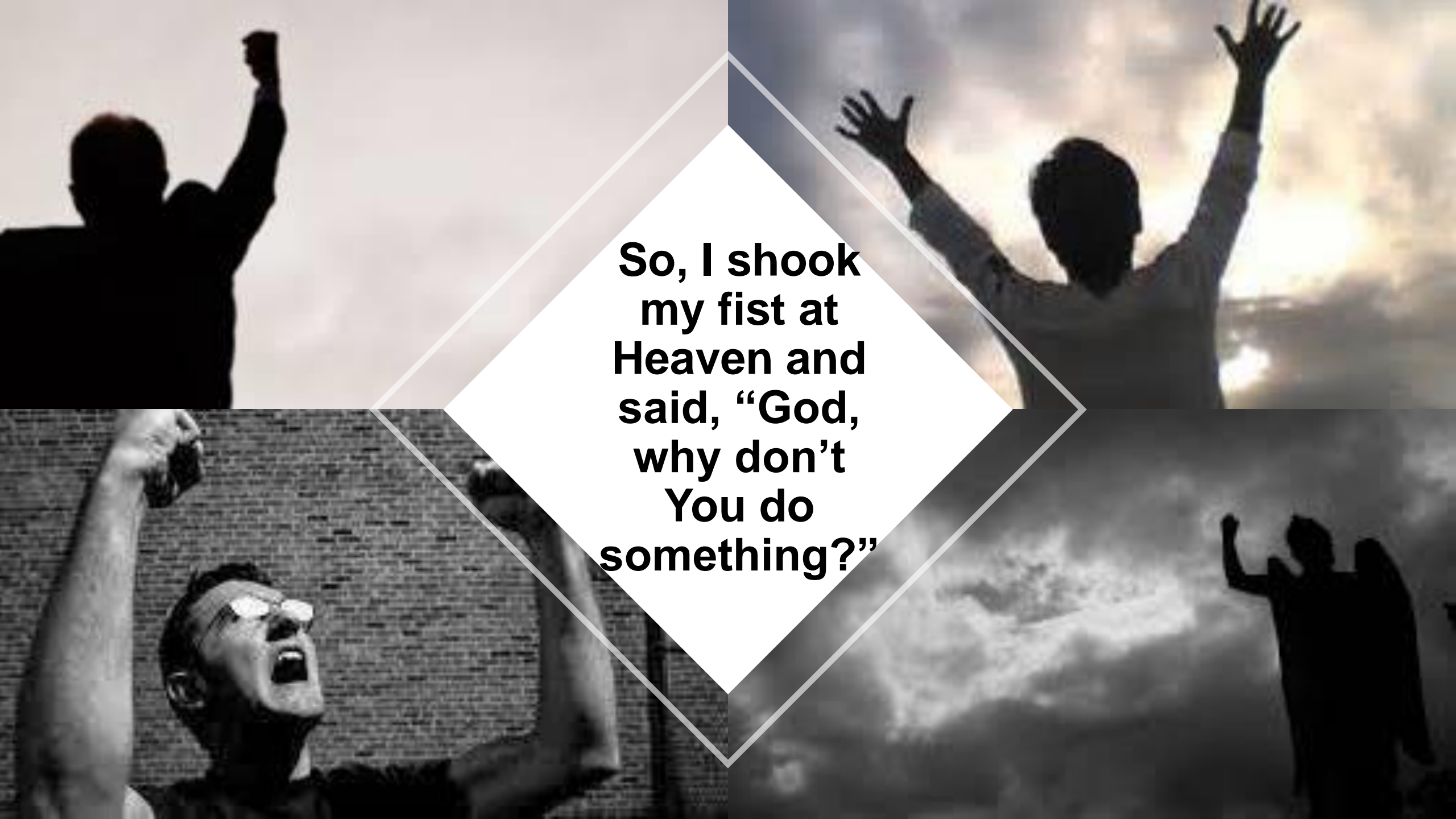
So I turned
my eyes to
Heaven.

I thought,
“God, why
don’t You do
something ?”



Well, I just couldn't bear the thought of people living in poverty, children sold into slavery, the thought disgusted me.





**So, I shook
my fist at
Heaven and
said, “God,
why don’t
You do
something?”**



**He said, "I did,
I created you!"**

If not us, then who? If not me
and you, right now. It's time for us
to ...

DO SOMETHING!





**If not now, then
when will we see an
end to all this pain?**



**It's not enough
to do nothing.**



**It's time for
us to do
something!**



**I'm so tired of
talking about how
we are God's
hands and feet.**

**But it's easier to
say than to be.**



HIS HANDS HIS FEET





**We live like angels of apathy
who tell ourselves,
“It’s alright...”**

**“...somebody else will do
something.”**



**Well, I don't know about you,
but I'm sick and tired of life
with no desire.**

I don't want a flame. I want a fire.



**I wanna be the one
who stands up and
says, "I'm gonna do
something!"**





If not us, then who?

If not me and you, right now.

It's time for us to do something!



**If not now,
then when
will we see
an end to
all this
pain?**



It's not enough to do nothing.

It's time for us to do something!



**We are the salt
of the earth.**

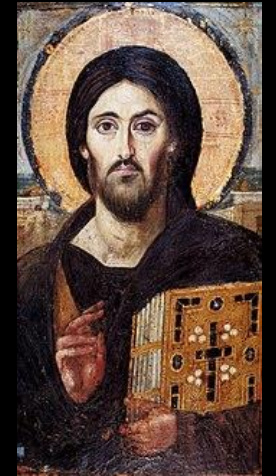


**We are a city
on a hill...**

(shine, shine, shine, shine)



**We're never gonna change
the world by standing still.
No, we won't stand still!**



**If not us, then who?
If not me and you, right now.
It's time for us to do something!**





If not now, then when will we see an end to all this pain?





**It's not
enough to
do nothing.**

It's time for us to Do Something!

**Do Something
Today That Your
Future Self Will
Thank You For.**