





*You*  
**BELONG**  
*Here!*

# BACK TO Church



*Children, you don't belong to street, but to school.*



FINDING  
YOUR  
WAY BACK  
TO GOD

 **TURN  
BACK**  
TO GOD





Welcome Back!

*Sons and Heirs*

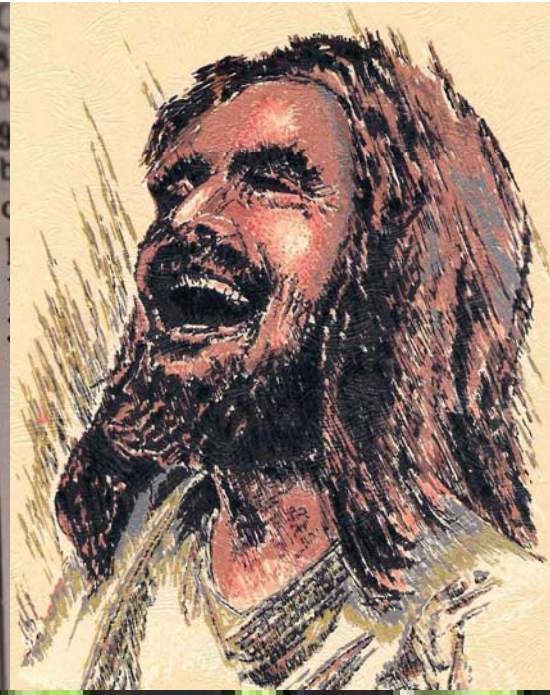
26 For you <sup>a</sup>are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

27 For <sup>a</sup>as many of you as were baptized into Christ <sup>b</sup>have put on Christ.

28 <sup>a</sup>There is neither Jew nor Greek, <sup>b</sup>there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all <sup>c</sup>one in Christ Jesus.

29 And <sup>a</sup>if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's <sup>b</sup>seed, and <sup>c</sup>heirs according to the promise.

4 Now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ



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I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over **one sinner who repents** than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

-Luke 15:7



# NEW SEASON

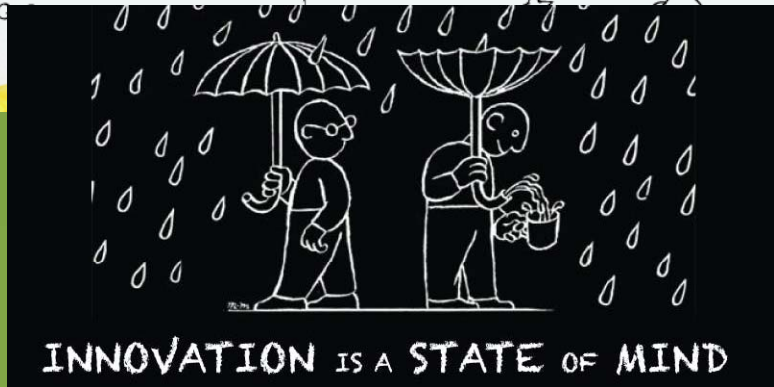


IT'S A NEW  
SEASON.  
A PERFECT  
OPPORTUNITY  
TO DO  
SOMETHING  
NEW.  
SOMETHING BOLD.  
SOMETHING  
BEAUTIFUL.





HELLO  
CREATIVITY & INNOVATION



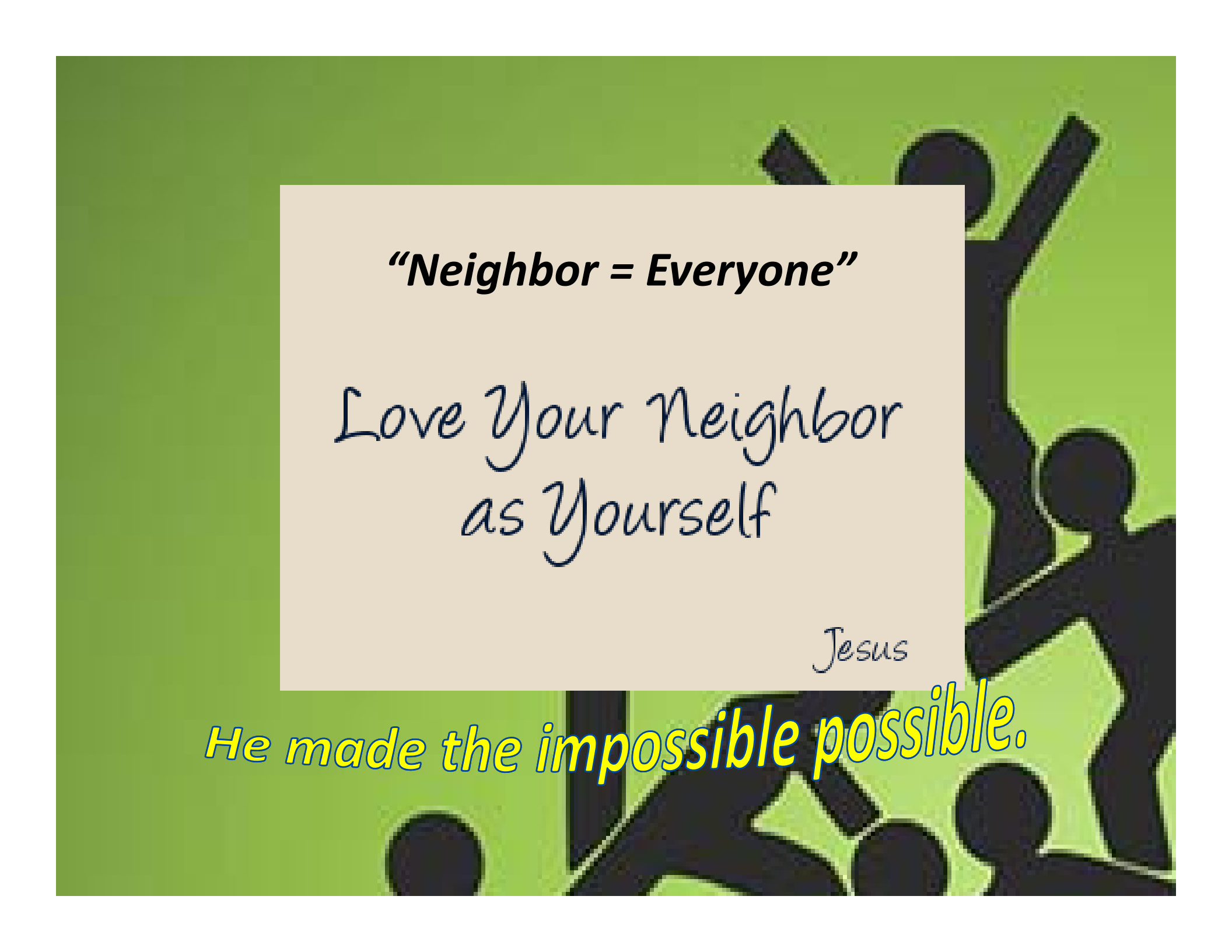
INNOVATION IS A STATE OF MIND







*Innovation takes place when we are intentionally Inclusive!*

The background of the slide features a light green field with a pattern of dark green, stylized human figures. These figures are arranged in a circular formation, with their arms raised and hands clasped, symbolizing unity and community. The figures are simple, with circular heads and rectangular bodies.

***“Neighbor = Everyone”***

*Love Your Neighbor  
as Yourself*

*Jesus*

***He made the impossible possible.***

# Two in One: Innovative Faith

Sermon Series at Savage-Lanham Campus

1. Impossible Possibility
2. Ecclesiolae en Ecclesia
3. The Vulnerable Mighty
4. The Moral Men in Immoral Society
5. The World in Our Parish

Didn't we use to be on the cutting edge?

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# Acts 11:19-30

## Scattered by Persecution



*But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus.*



Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews.

~ Acts 11:19 ESV

*Acts 11:19-30*

**Gather at Antioch**  
**Church of Innovative Faith**

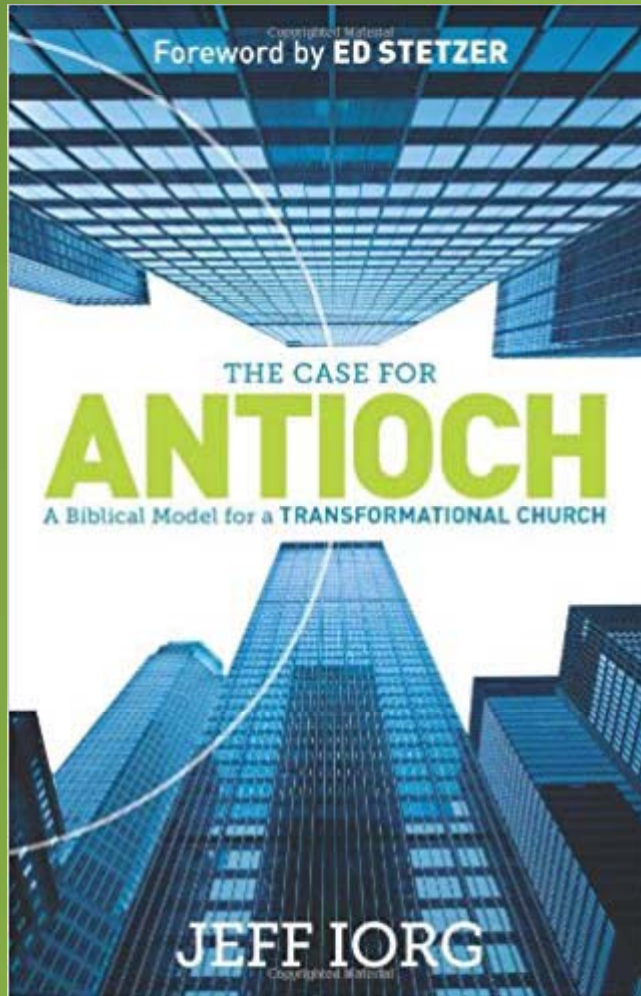
*St. Peter Church in Antioch*



News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord. *Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.*

*Acts 11:19-30*

## *Innovative Faith of Churches in Antioch*



**ACTS 11:29-30**

*So the believers in Antioch decided to send relief to the brothers and sisters in Judea, everyone giving as much as they could. This they did, entrusting their gifts to Barnabas and Saul to take to the elders of the church in Jerusalem.*

*“a church’s need to emphasize the empowering of the Holy Spirit, telling gentiles about the gospel, planting new churches, support other churches (Jerusalem Church) in hardship.”*

1. Tell the gospel to someone else than you know.

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*Part 1: Impossible Possibility*



1. *Tell the gospel to someone else than you know.*



GOSPEL  
CONVERSATIONS  
WITH LOST PEOPLE

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1. Tell the gospel to someone else than you know.

*In the year of 1883*



*John Franklyn Goucher  
(1845-1922)*



*Mary Cecilia Goucher*

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1. Tell the gospel to someone else than you know.



Henry Appenzeler  
(1858-1902)



The Korean Methodist Church



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2. Remain true to the Lord with all your hearts.

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A graphic illustration on a green background showing five stylized human figures in a pyramid formation. The top figure has arms raised. The two figures below it are holding up the top figure. The two bottom-most figures are holding up the middle two. The figures are dark green with white outlines.

## 2. Remain true to the Lord with all your hearts.



IGNATIUS  
OF ANTIOCH

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Christianity is not a matter of persuading people of particular ideas, but of inviting them to share in the greatness of Christ. So pray that I may never fall into the trap of impressing people with clever speech, but instead I may learn to speak with humility, desiring only to impress people with Christ himself.

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2. Remain true to the Lord with all your hearts.

YOU KEEP HIM  
IN PERFECT PEACE  
WHOSE MIND IS STAYED  
ON YOU, BECAUSE  
HE TRUSTS IN YOU.

ISAIAH 26:3

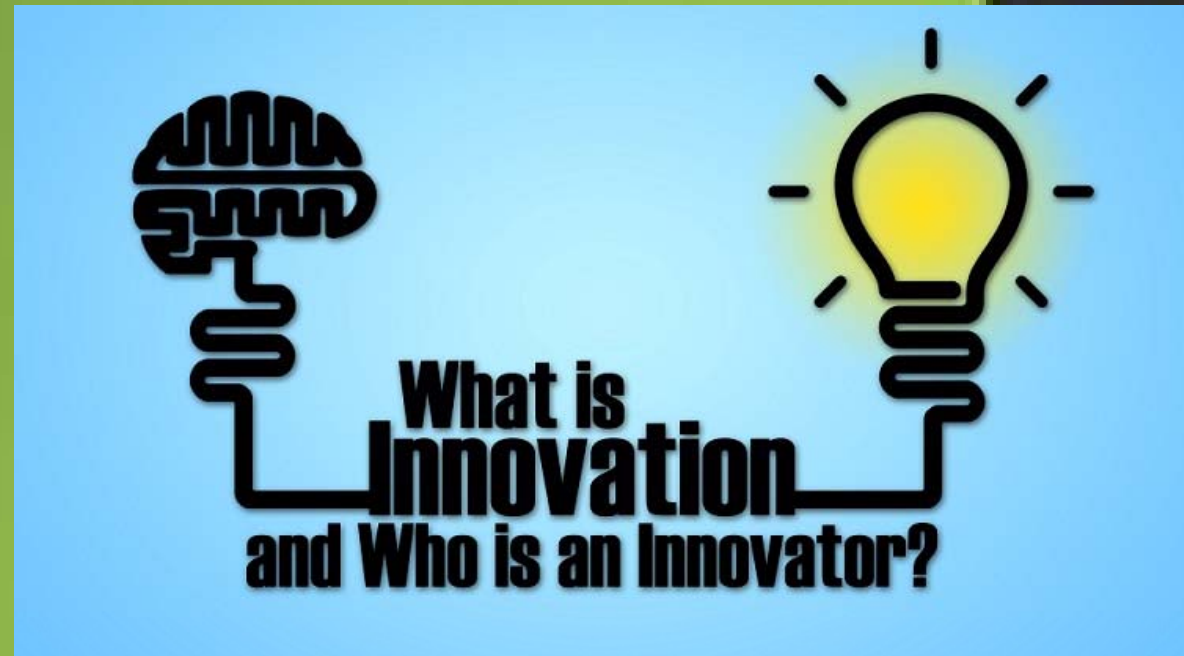
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3. *Have faith that makes your practices innovative.*

A graphic illustration of five stylized human figures in a pyramid formation. The top figure is at the peak with arms raised. Below it are two figures, and at the base are two more. The figures are dark blue/black with a light green glow around them, set against a solid green background.

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3. *Have faith that makes your practices innovative.*



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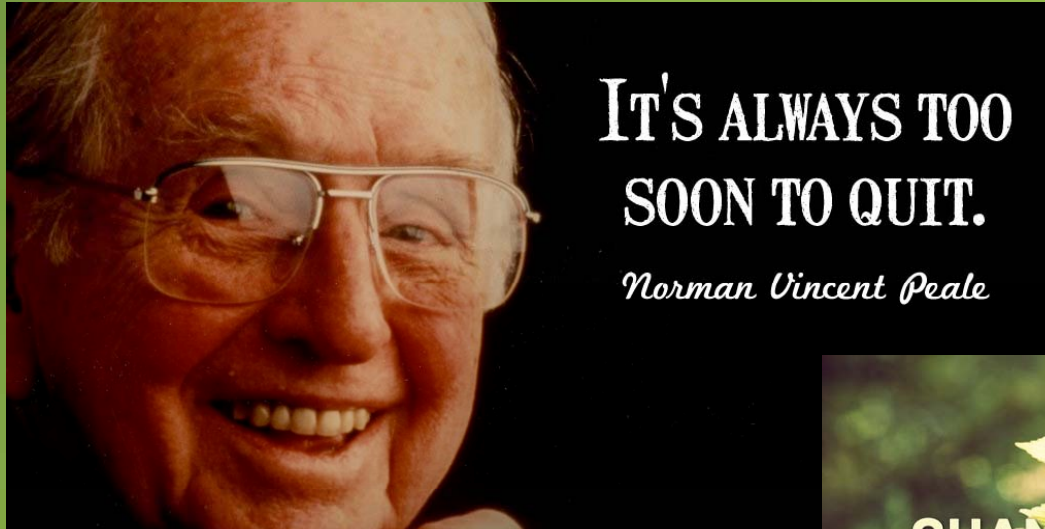
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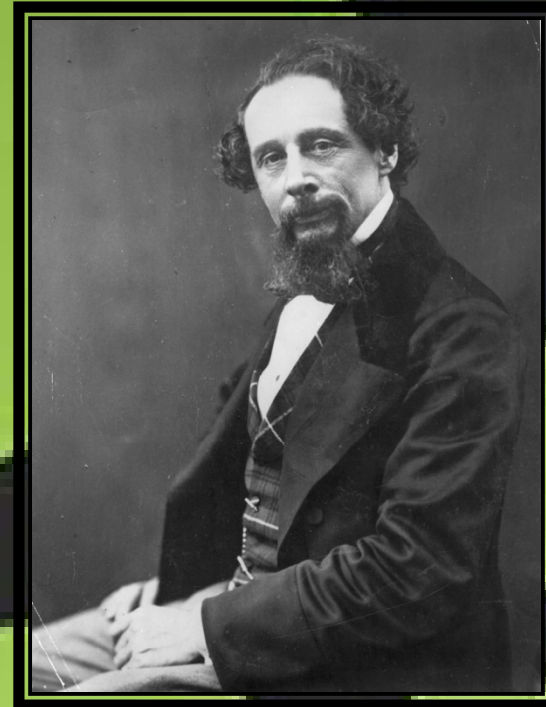


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**"THE MOST IMPORTANT  
THING IN LIFE IS TO STOP  
SAYING 'I WISH' AND START  
SAYING 'I WILL.' CONSIDER  
NOTHING IMPOSSIBLE, THEN  
TREAT POSSIBILITIES AS  
PROBABILITIES"**

-CHARLES DICKENS



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Part 1. Impossible Possibility*

4. *Make the impossible possible.*

A graphic illustration of four stylized human figures in a pyramid formation. The top figure is the largest and has its arms raised in a 'V' shape. Below it are two smaller figures, and at the base are two more figures. The figures are dark blue or black with a white outline, set against a light green background. The overall style is minimalist and symbolic.

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*Part 1. Impossible Possibility*

4. *Make the impossible possible.*

**“THE THINGS THAT  
ARE IMPOSSIBLE  
.....  
WITH PEOPLE ARE  
.....**

**➔ POSSIBLE ➔**

**WITH GOD.”**

**-LUKE 18:27 NASB**

**TURN  
BACK  
TO GOD**

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4. *Make the impossible possible.*

Faith:  
impossible  
possibilities



*You can make the impossible possible.*

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