

Next Week Sermon

Hezekiah's Prayer For Healing

Isaiah 38-39:21

PREACHER

Dr. Peter Ng

October 23, 2022

My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?

Psalms 22

PREACHER

Lee Yee Dian

October 30, 2022

Part 1 - Life as a Sojourner : Lessons from the Journey of Jacob

Genesis 47:1-12

PREACHER

Arnold Lim

THEOLOGY OF VOCATION AND WORK

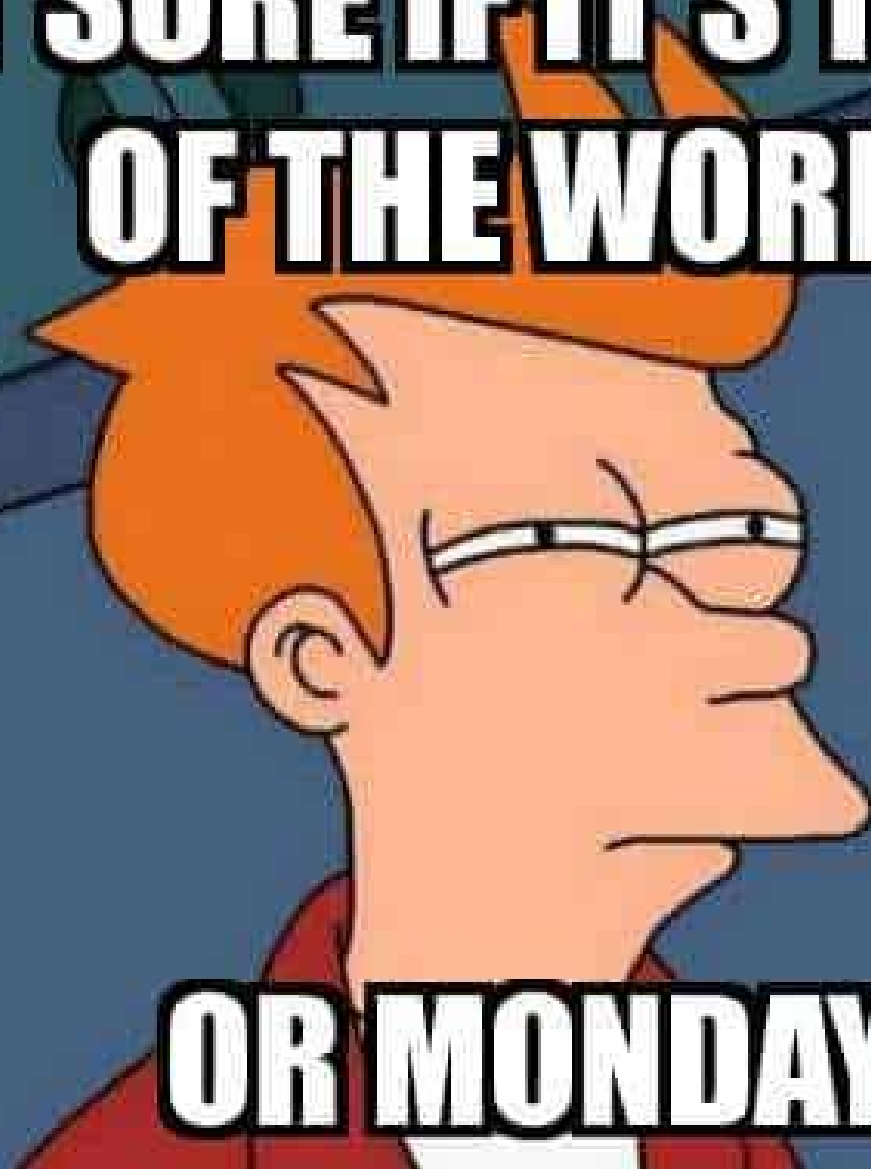
**WHY SHOULD WE WORK?
GENESIS 1:26-2:3**

LET'S PRAY

WHY DO DADDY AND MUMMY GO TO WORK?



**NOT SURE IF IT'S THE END
OF THE WORLD**



OR MONDAY

VISHAL GARG



CULTURE



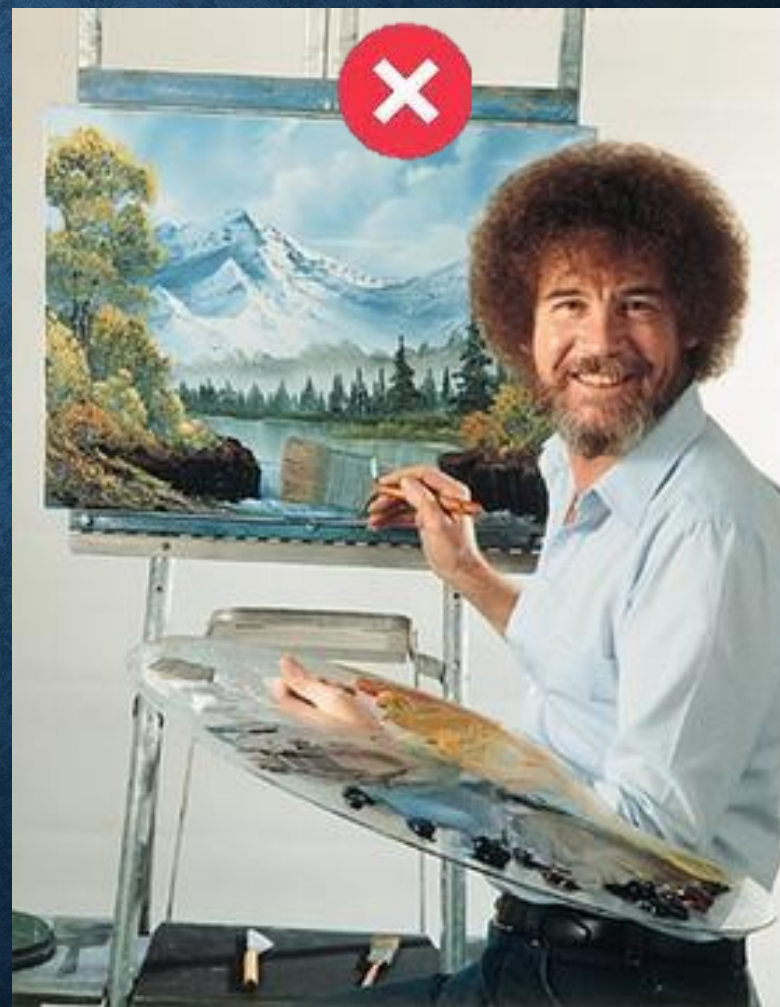
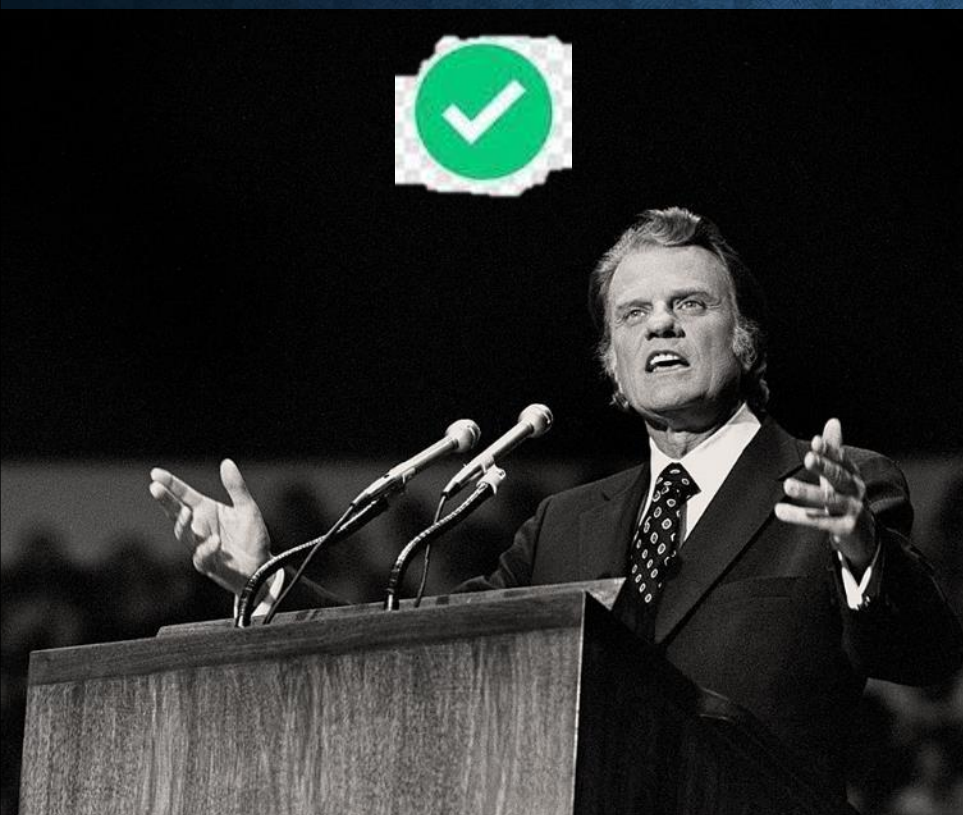
ECONOMIST



"THE SOCIAL
RESPONSIBILITY OF
BUSINESS IS TO
INCREASE ITS
PROFITS."

- Milton Friedman





IN THE BEGINNING

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground. ”

THEOLOGY OF VOCATION AND WORK

WHY SHOULD WE WORK? GENESIS 1:26-2:3

1. We work because we are created in God' s image



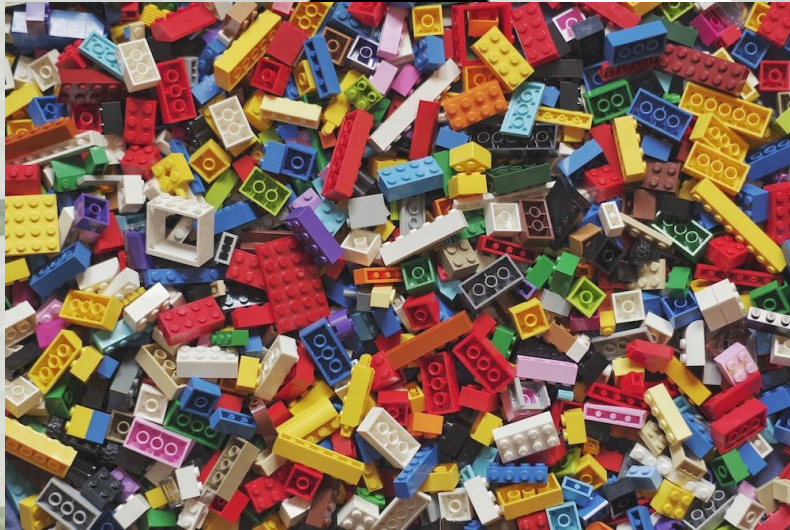
IMAGE OF GOD

1. Reflect
2. Represent
3. Relate



Work is God's invitation to rule with Him

Created



DAY 3



Filled



DAY 6



God's work is not boring



Work is God's invitation to rule with Him

Created

Filled

DAY 1



DAY 4



DAY 2



Order and beauty
Sustains life
Creativity and diversity



DAY 3



DAY 6



WE ARE THE IMAGE OF GOD CORPORATELY

Gen 1:27 So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

Genesis 2: 19. Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be **alone**; I will make him a **helper fit** for him

Ezer

Deut 33:26 There is none like God, O
Jeshurun, who rides through the heavens
to **your help**.

Provides help that enriches,
supports, and 'empowers but
not do the work for him

Kenegdo

Fits as counter part
Opposite
Complementary



The cultural mandate is a corporate responsibility

Get involved

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I can call on my brothers and sisters in time of need as we serve at work or at church



I am not alone.
I can depend on the body of Christ



THEOLOGY OF VOCATION AND WORK

WHY SHOULD WE WORK? GENESIS 1:26-2:3

1. We work because we are created in God' s image
2. Work is fun! It is a blessing and a God given responsibility

CULTURAL MANDATE

Genesis 1:28 God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

CULTURAL MANDATE

1. Be fruitful and increase in number
2. Fill the earth
3. Subdue the earth
4. Rule and care for creation

We should desire to fulfil the mandate

Be fruitful and increase in number

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KARIS Ministry



Adults Ministry



Youth Ministry



Audio Visual Ministry



Kids Ministry

Raise the next generation, pass knowledge down

Expanding Eden – Filling the earth with God' s glory

Space, the final frontier. These are the voyages of the starship Enterprise. Its five-year mission: to explore strange new worlds, to seek out new life and new civilizations, to boldly go where no man has gone before.

Gene Roddenberry

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Don' t get comfortable. Explore new frontiers

Subdue the earth

Subdue – Imposing your vision



HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE NEEDED TO MAKE A RM2 PENCIL?



More R&D - Harness the potential of all things

RULE AND CARE FOR CREATION



Genesis 1:30

30 And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.



Triple bottom line

YOU CAN'T HELP BUT TO FOLLOW THE CULTURAL MANDATE



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3. Work is tainted by our sins

WORK IS TAINTED BY THE FALL



MARY ANN BEVAN - ACROMEGALY



ADAM AND EVE' S DAILY CHOICE – HOW DO I KNOW GOOD AND EVIL?

Tree of Life



Tree of Knowledge of
Good and Evil



Trees In The Midst
of The Garden of Eden

THE SIN – DESIRING AUTONOMY

CURSED IS THE GROUND FOR OUR SAKE

Genesis 3:17-18

17 To Adam he said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You must not eat from it,’

“Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life.

18 It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field.

CULTURAL MANDATE MUST BE UNDER THE KINGSHIP OF GOD

1. Be fruitful and increase in number
2. Fill the earth
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4. Rule and care for creation



WE CAN'T BE HUMAN WITHOUT GOD

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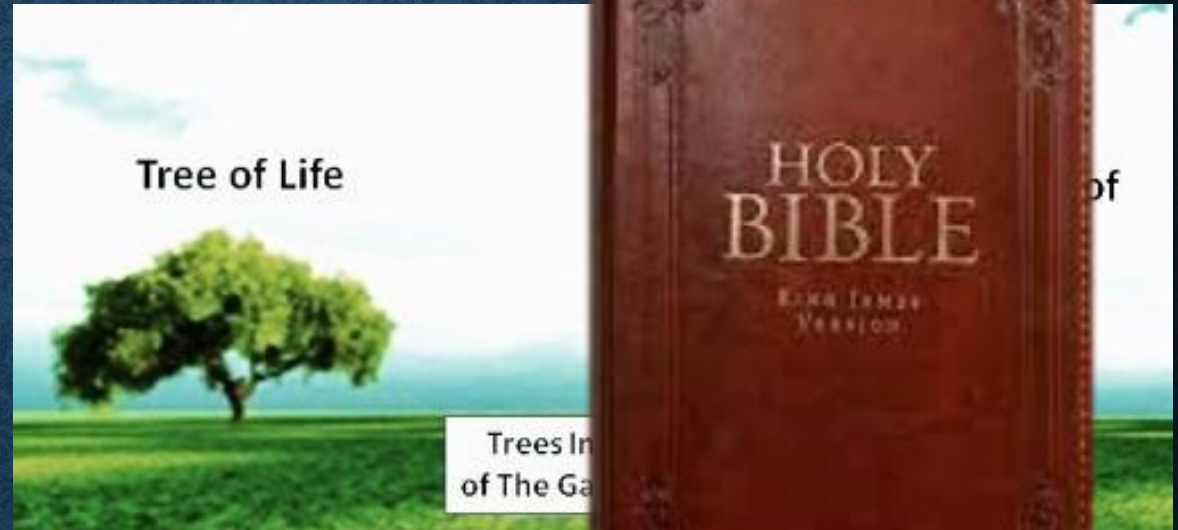
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4. God is redeeming work

CHRIST DIED TO REDEEM US

2 Cor 5:14 For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. 15 And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

16 So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

THE DAILY SACRIFICE – CHOOSE THE TREE OF LIFE



GO TO GOD DAILY

THE GREAT COMMISSION

Matthew 28:18 Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and **make disciples of all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and **teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you**. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

GREAT COMMISSION OR CULTURAL MANDATE?

REMOVE THE SACRED SECULAR DIVIDE

1 Cor 10:31 So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all to the glory of God.

WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATHECHISM

What is the chief end of man?

Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

All for the glory of God

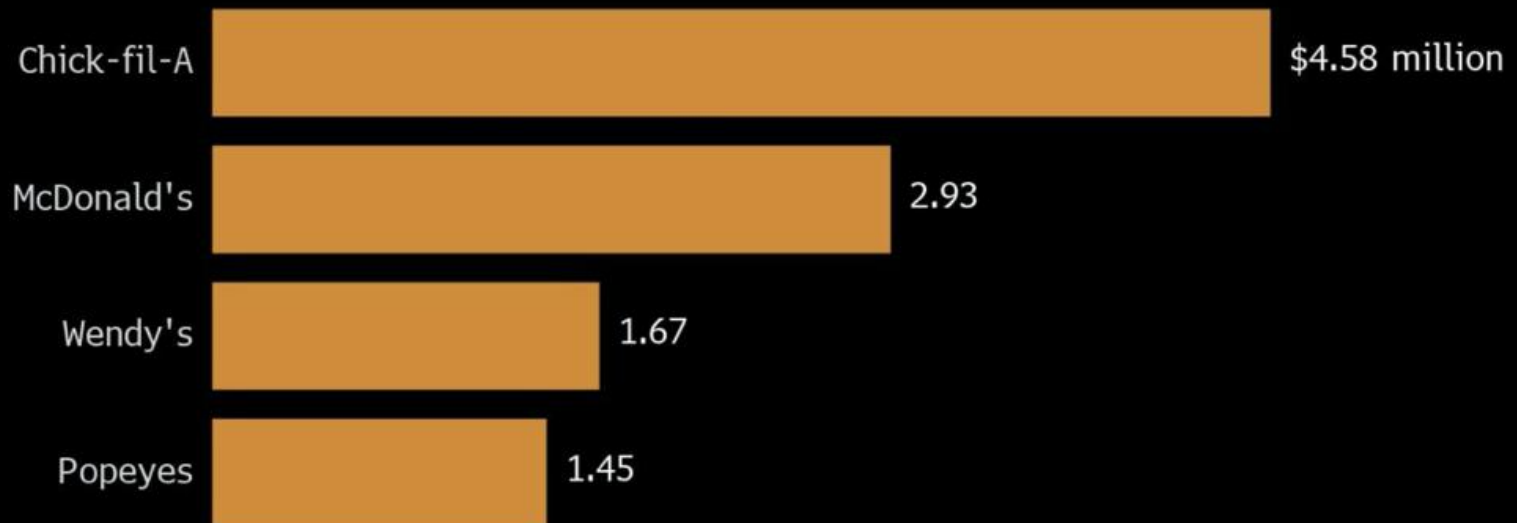
THE CHALLENGE

CHICK FIL A

Cult Chicken

Chicken sandwiches helped propel Chick-fil-A average store sales last year

■ Average restaurant sales, 2019




Source: Technomic estimate

Bloomberg

I make chicken sandwiches for Jesus Christ

EARTH HEIR



“If we’re all heirs of this earth, we should live in a way that honours and protects what we have.”

I sell artisan products for Jesus Christ

PARENTING



I raise children for Jesus Christ

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4. God is redeeming work through us
5. Obedience is better than good work

JRR Tolkien's

Leaf by Niggle



50 years old
WW2
LOTR





GOD WILL RESTORE EDEN

Revelations 22: 1 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. 3 No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. 4 They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for

MAN WAS MADE TO LIVE WITH GOD

Genesis 2:2 By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. 3 Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.