

Becoming a Change Agent for God

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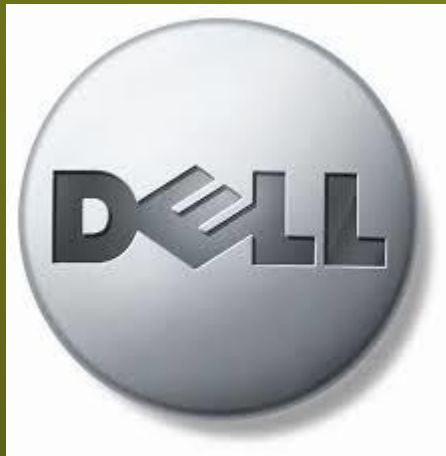
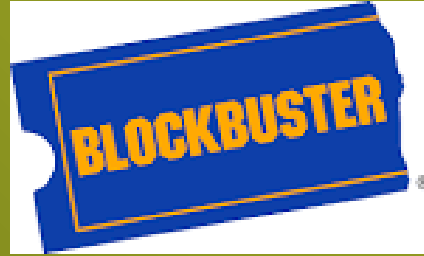
changing

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fatal.



What do these companies have in common?



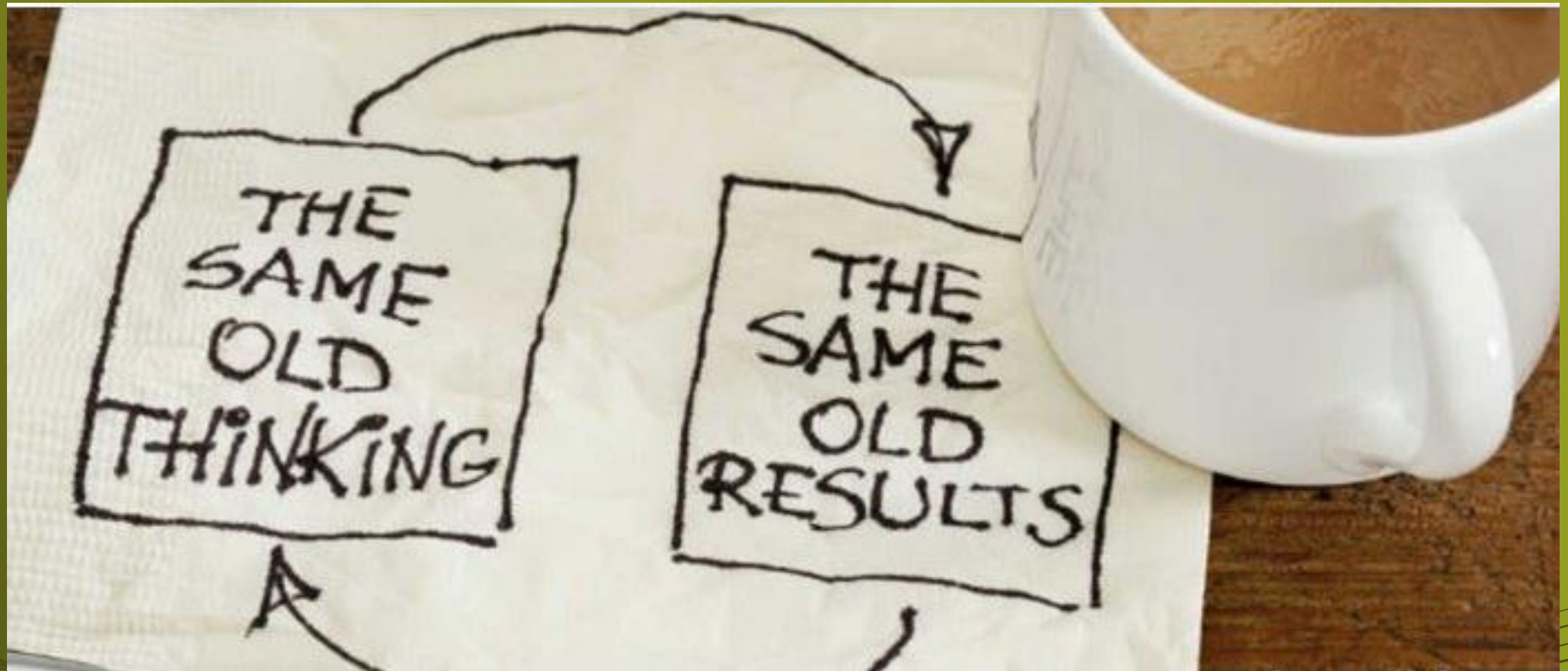


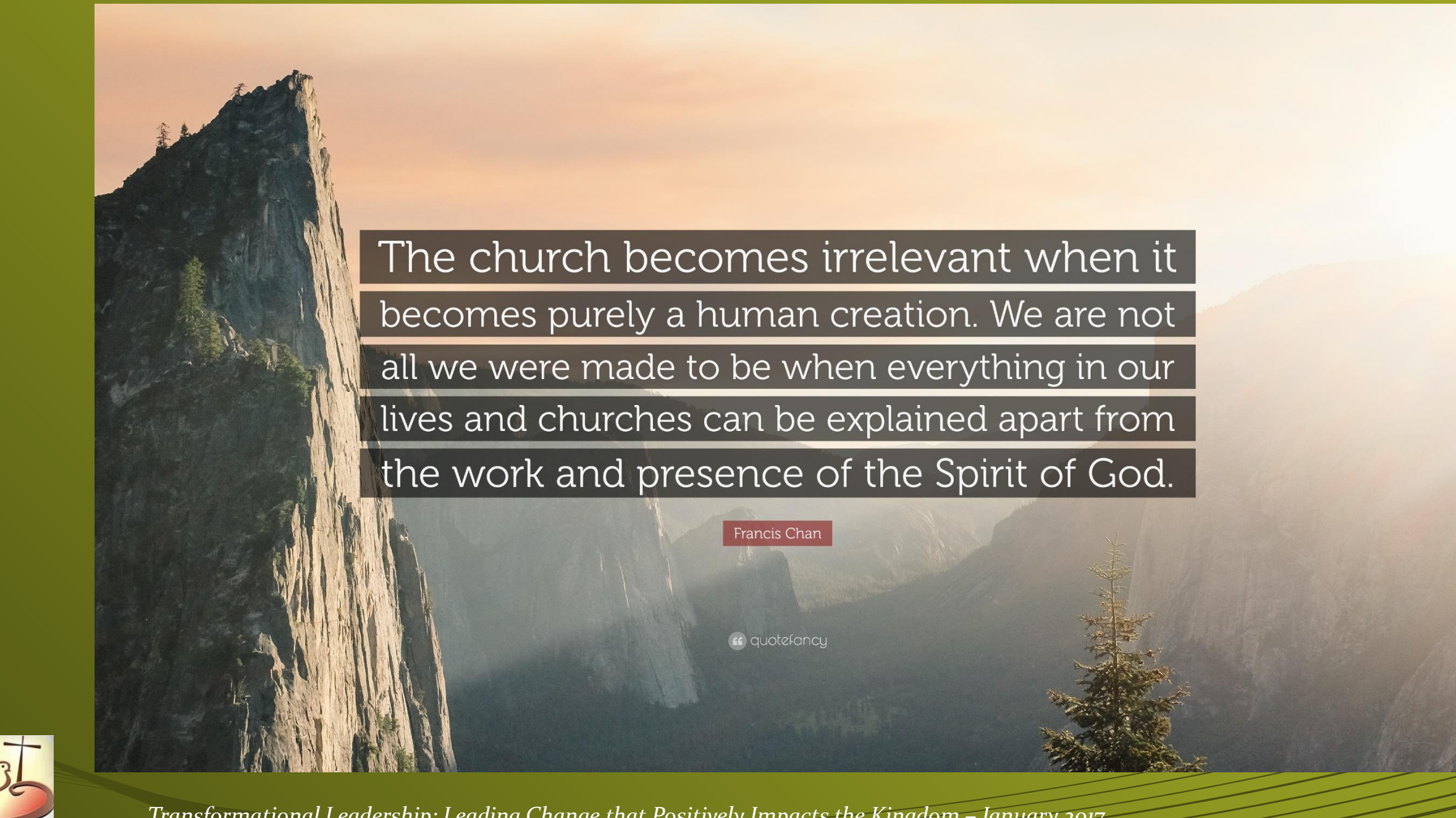
What People Say About the Church

- Irrelevant
- Incompetent
- Hypocritical



Definition of Insanity... Expecting Something Different from the Same Stuff





The church becomes irrelevant when it becomes purely a human creation. We are not all we were made to be when everything in our lives and churches can be explained apart from the work and presence of the Spirit of God.

Francis Chan

quote fancy



Why Become a Change Agent for God?



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You Are Called



You Are Called: **FIRST**, To Believe

Christian: Someone who **professes to believe** in Jesus as Christ or who follows the life and teachings of Jesus;...



**Called: Not Just To Believe
Also, To LIVE accountable to Christ**

Christian: ...

**AND lives according to the
teachings of Jesus.**



YOU

**THE
FIFTH
GOSPEL**

Only when we are changed can we be agents of change.

We often think God has assigned us to change the world around us when in reality He is interested in first changing us.



Our Calling as Christians Leads Us to Be Changed Ourselves Then to Be a Part of Changing the World To Be Like the Kingdom

Step 1
Discipleship

Step 2
Leadership

Step 3
Change Agent

What is a Change Agent?

An event, individual or church that acts as a catalyst for change and takes responsibility for changing the existing pattern of behavior or social system.



What does a **Change Agent** do?

Identifies opportunities for improvement in the church, gains acceptance for the need for change, and takes the lead.



Why do we need Change Agents?

We wrestle within a tension that is determined to keep things the way that they are. We are in constant struggle with accepting what IS or working toward what COULD BE.

The battle is spiritual – to make CHANGE that impacts the STATUS QUO.



Change Agents 101

Change Agents Master the Art of ...

getting  un *stuck!*



What are other Change Agents?

SOCIAL MEDIA

- Twitter
- Instagram
- Periscope
- Snapchat
- Facetime

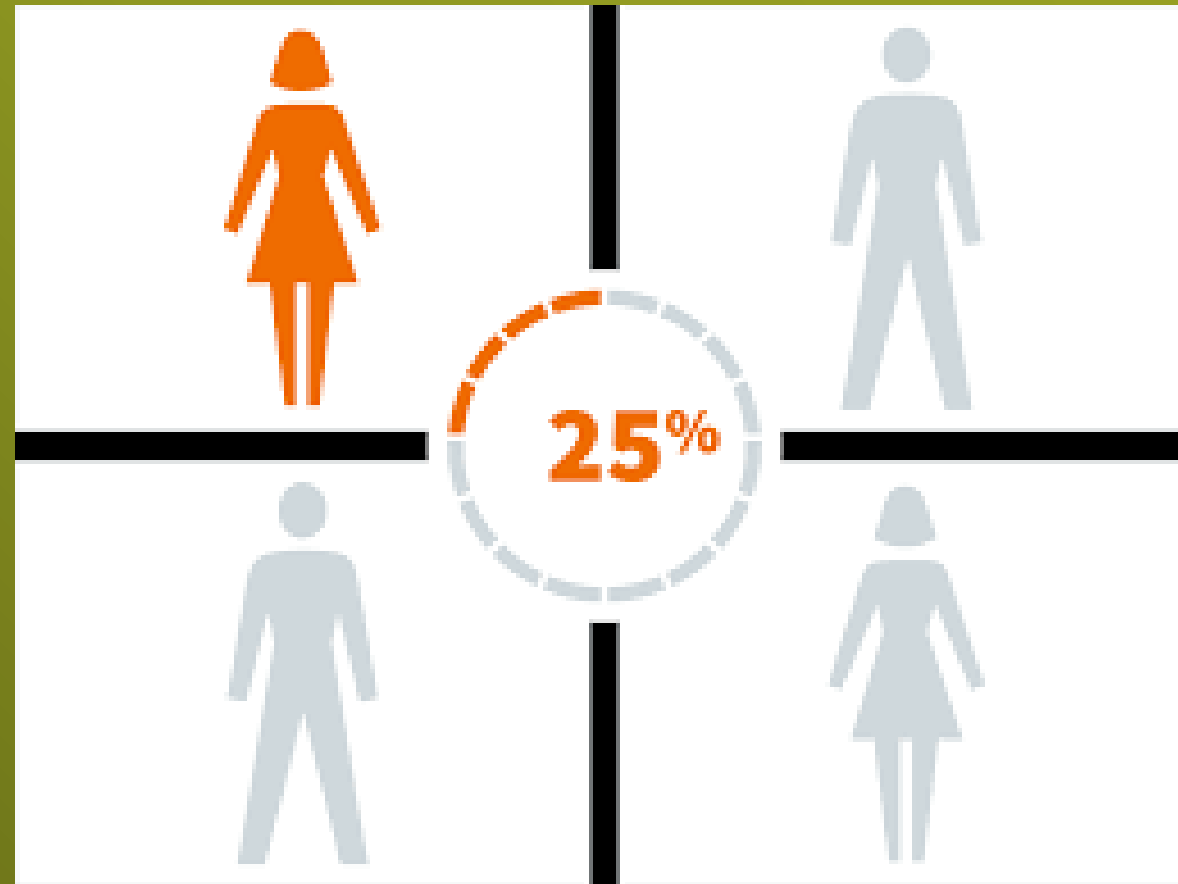
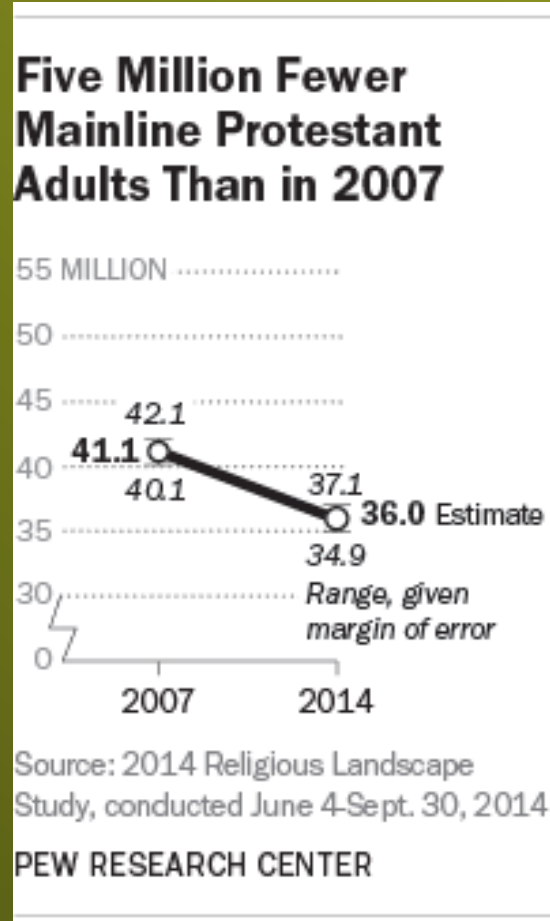


Change Agents Understand Culture



Culture is the pond in which we swim and the lens through which we see the world.

Opportunities: 1 in 4 Americans is Unchurched



1 Million Unchurched in DMV Alone



**85% OF PEOPLE
DIDN'T GO TO CHURCH LAST SUNDAY.**

MORE THAN 9/10 OF THE UNCHURCHED SAID THEY WOULD ATTEND CHURCH IF THEY WERE INVITED



If we invite them, they'll come

Change Agents Master the Art of Finding Opportunities to Overcome Obstacles





Change Agents must be accountable.

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The battle is spiritual.



**FOR WE DO NOT
WRESTLE AGAINST FLESH
AND BLOOD,
BUT AGAINST THE RULERS,
AGAINST THE AUTHORITIES,
AGAINST
THE COSMIC POWERS OVER
THIS PRESENT DARKNESS,
AGAINST THE SPIRITUAL FORCES
OF EVIL IN THE HEAVENLY PLACES.
-EPHESIANS 6:12 ESV #BATTLEPLANDC**



How Are Change Agents Made?

By God's Hand



God initiates PERSONAL ENCOUNTERS

- Crisis leads to Character Development
 - Paul on Damascus Road
 - Shadrach, Mesach, and Abednego
 - Job
 - Moses
 - Jacob
 - Mordecai/Esther



“Knowing” God = Impacting Kingdom

- Know the King’s...
 - will
 - heart
 - character
 - attributes
- Know how the King works.

**BUT THE PEOPLE
WHO KNOW
THEIR GOD**
**WILL DISPLAY STRENGTH
AND TAKE
ACTION**
DANIEL 11:32

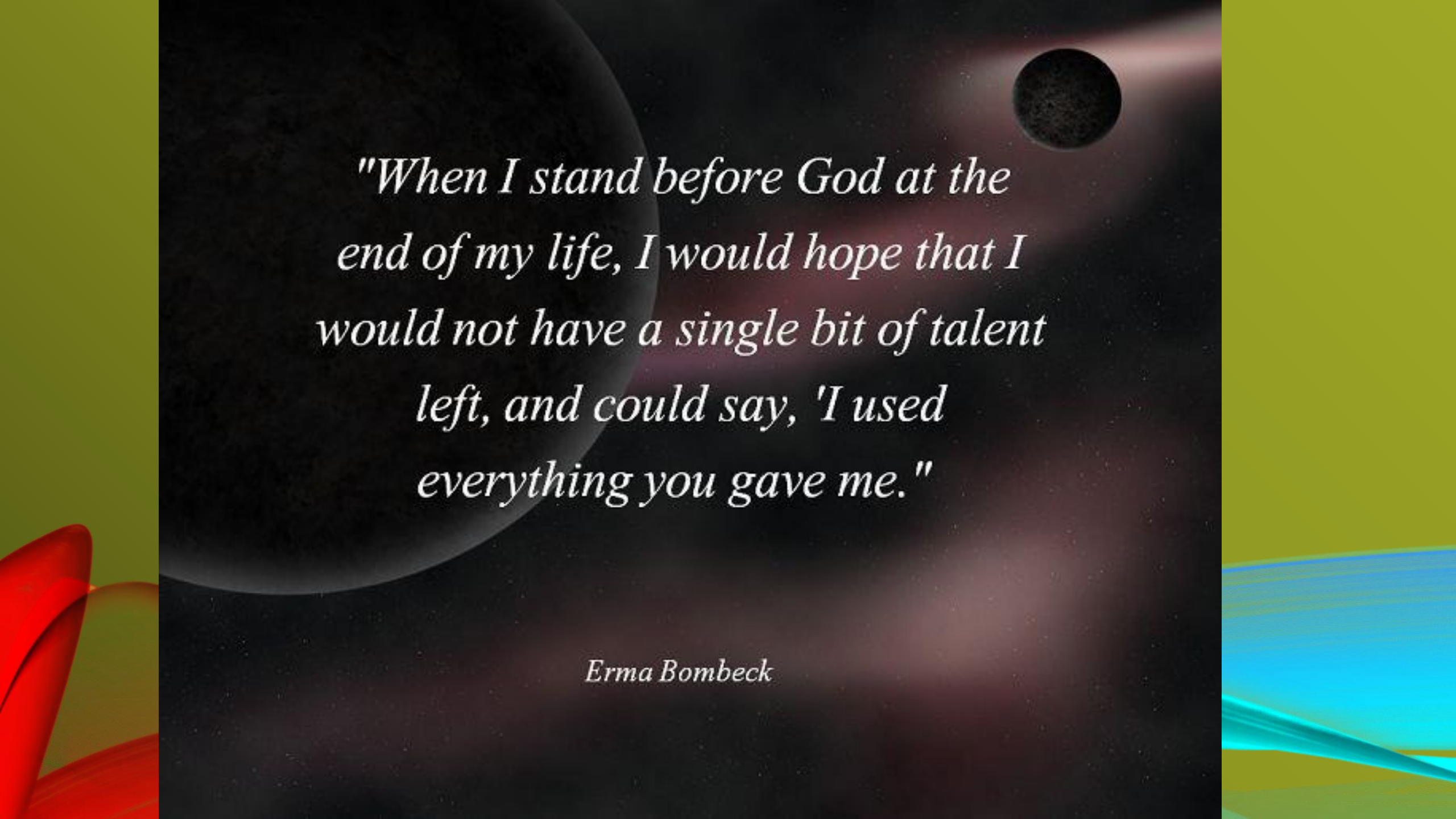


Questions?

Thoughts?

Discussion...





*"When I stand before God at the
end of my life, I would hope that I
would not have a single bit of talent
left, and could say, 'I used
everything you gave me.'"*

Erma Bombeck

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