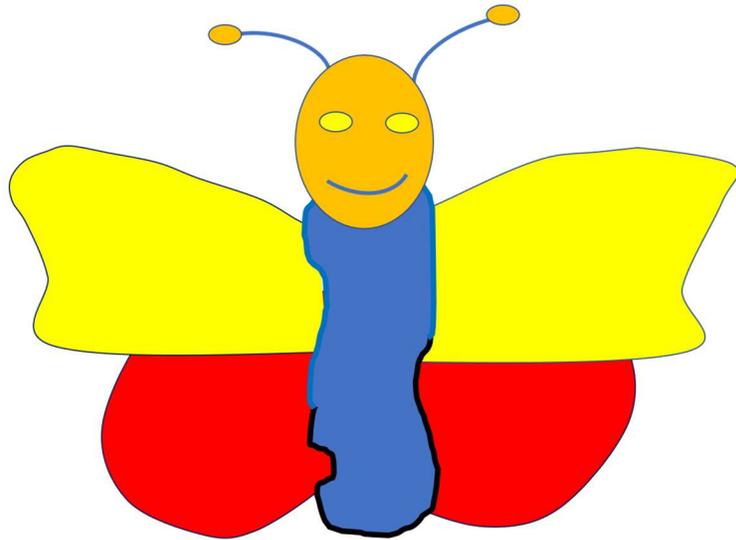


# Doodle Your Job

Before



After



*“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me,  
so I am sending you.”*

*Jesus Christ | John 20:21 (NLT)*

My 3rd grade teacher introduced me to “Doodling.” She’d draw a squiggly line on a sheet of paper, then I was to transform it into something far beyond. After turning the page to view at all angles, a vision formed and I set my pencil into motion. This really stretched my

imagination!

Now I love to Doodle with kids... try it! I'm amazed by what they come up with: Lines turn into sharks, castles, and smiley people with big hair... God has gifted each of us with super creativity, perhaps it's time to use yours?

Having placed a Mission in our hand, Jesus directs, "Go!" Yet, it's easy to stall as you look for the perfect place to carry it out. Instead, start where you are and Doodle... transform your ordinary job into a Kingdom changing Forum to advance your Mission.

*Reflect: Have I restrained my Mission by not considering my current job a Forum?*

What would happen if you viewed your work through the eyes of God? Imagine your ho hum job a squiggly line being transformed into something far beyond. Think of the power you'd experience by aligning it with your Mission.

Of course, God sees things much differently. When asked to assist in selecting the next king to replace Saul, Samuel was led to the family of Jesse.

*"When they arrived, Samuel took one look at Eliab and thought, "Surely this is the Lord's anointed!" But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Don't judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The Lord doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.'" 1 Samuel 16:6-7*

God cuts through the worldly surface level to see the heart of things,

what really matters. This is the same God who transforms a lowly caterpillar into a breathtaking butterfly...amazing! How might your job change if you looked at it this way?

*Consider:* **How could I transform my job into a powerful Forum for my Mission?**

My client Tony (not his real name) is a realtor. Lacking motivation, his job was simply a means to pay the bills. On the other hand, he liked it because he was able to fit other things into his schedule. As I got to know him, I realized that he had a deep passion for family (particularly struggling marriages and youth) that seemed to emanate from a childhood devoid of solid family. He was always wedging family ministry work into his week.

Here's the doodle: How could Tony tie his work and passion for families together; linking God's heart with his situation? After looking at everything from this viewpoint, he came to this: "I don't simply sell houses, I sell homes to families so they can thrive!" His job transformed into life changing work. Now Tony is highly motivated, his life energized by aligning it around his Mission: Fostering thriving families.

*Imagine:* **My Mission and career both advancing because I Doodled my job.**

A key piece of Doodling your job is to align it more and more with who God made you to be. You're a unique masterpiece, don't let your job snuff you out! Bring your uniqueness fully into your work and, as possible, gradually shift away from the aspects that you're weaker at. God has a way of morphing the organization to fit around you over

time if you remain focused on your Mission. Your Mission will advance and your career will flourish when you transform your workplace into a Forum...

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Go off the grid and ask these questions:

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### Coach's Questions

- Look at my job through the lens of my Mission, how could it become a Forum?
- How can I serve the people I work with?
- How could I shift the focus of my position to better fit my gifting?
- What other positions at the organization might position me better to advance my Mission?

## Spirit Talk

Post this where you will see it regularly.

**"Transform my job into Kingdom Forum."**

"And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father. The Apostle Paul | Colossians 3:17 (NLT)



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