# AND TO ADAM HE SAID, "BECAUSE YOU HAVE **GENESIS 3:17-19**

LISTENED TO THE VOICE OF YOUR WIFE AND HAVE EATEN OF THE TREE OF WHICH I COMMANDED YOU, YOU SHALL NOT EAT OF IT,' CURSED IS THE GROUND BECAUSE OF YOU; IN PAIN YOU SHALL EAT OF IT ALL THE DAYS OF YOUR LIFE; "THORNS AND THISTLES IT SHALL BRING FORTH FOR YOU; AND YOU SHALL EAT THE PLANTS OF THE FIELD. BY THE SWEAT OF YOUR

#### **GENESIS 3:17-19**

FACE YOU SHALL EAT BREAD, TILL YOU RETURN TO THE GROUND, FOR OUT OF IT YOU WERE TAKEN; FOR YOU ARE DUST, AND TO DUST YOU SHALL RETURN.



#### GOD'S PURPOSE IN OUR LABORS

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BONDSERVANTS, OBEY IN EVERYTHING THOSE WHO ARE YOUR EARTHLY MASTERS, NOT BY WAY OF EYE-SERVICE, AS PEOPLE-PLEASERS, BUT WITH SINCERITY OF HEART, FEARING THE LORD. WHATEVER YOU DO, WORK HEARTILY, AS FOR THE LORD AND NOT FOR MEN, KNOWING THAT FROM THE LORD YOU WILL RECEIVE THE INHERITANCE AS YOUR REWARD. YOU ARE SERVING THE LORD CHRIST.

#### COLOSSIANS 3:22-24

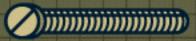








WE MUST RECOVER THE IDEA THAT ALL HUMAN WORK IS NOT MERELY A JOB BUT A CALLING [...] OUR WORK CAN BE A CALLING ONLY IF IT IS REIMAGINED AS A MISSION OF SERVICE TO SOMETHING BEYOND MERELY OUR OWN INTERESTS. IN FACT, THINKING OF WORK MAINLY AS A MEANS OF SELF-FULFILLMENT AND SELF-REALIZATION SLOWLY CRUSHES A PERSON AND UNDERMINES SOCIETY ITSELF. SOMETHING CAN





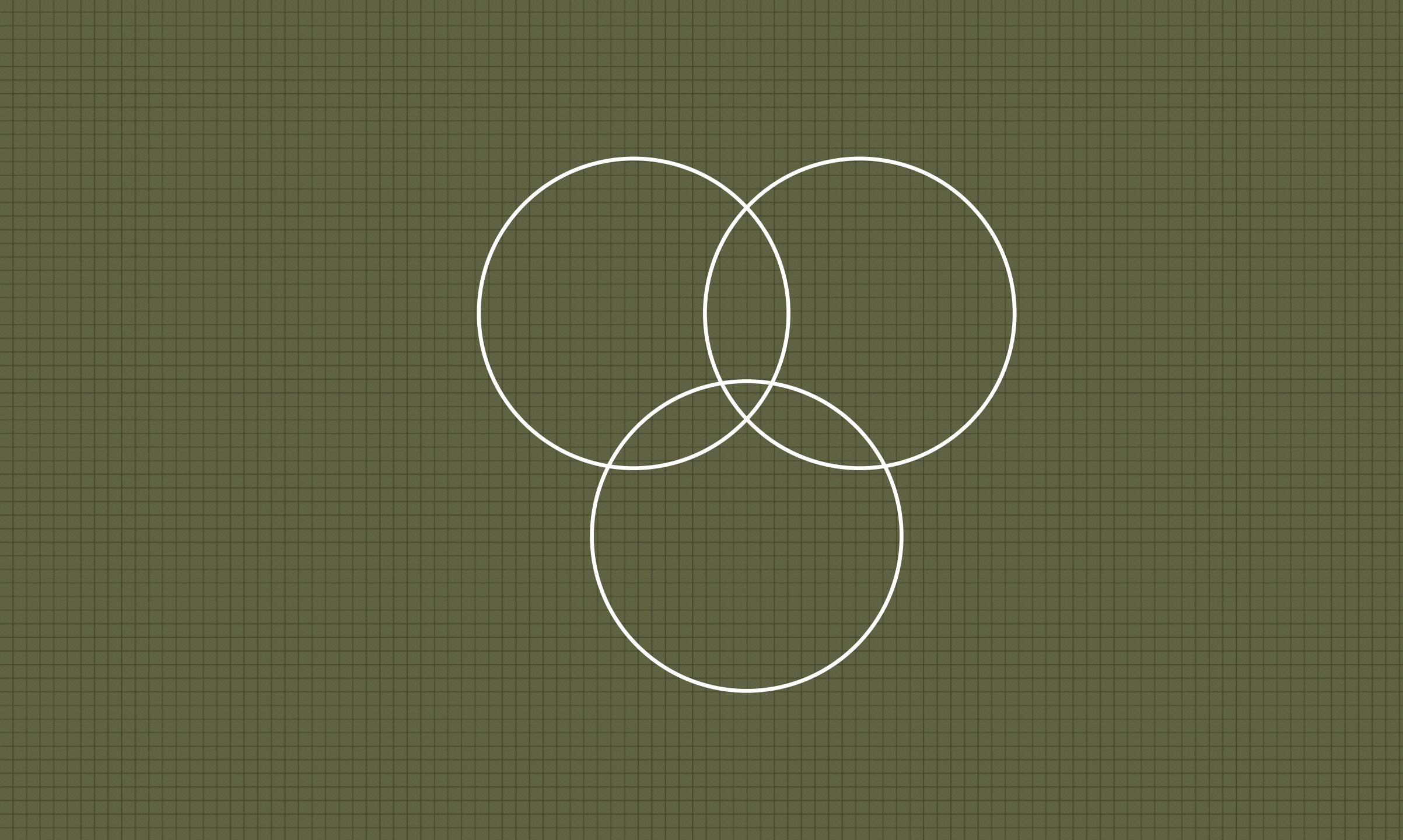
BE A CALLING ONLY IF SOME OTHER PARTY CALLS YOU TO DO IT, AND YOU DO IT FOR THEIR SAKE RATHER THAN FOR YOUR OWN. OUR DAILY WORK CAN BE A CALLING ONLY IF IT IS RECONCEIVED AS GOD'S ASSIGNMENT TO SERVE OTHERS. AND THAT IS EXACTLY HOW THE BIBLE TEACHES US TO VIEW WORK.

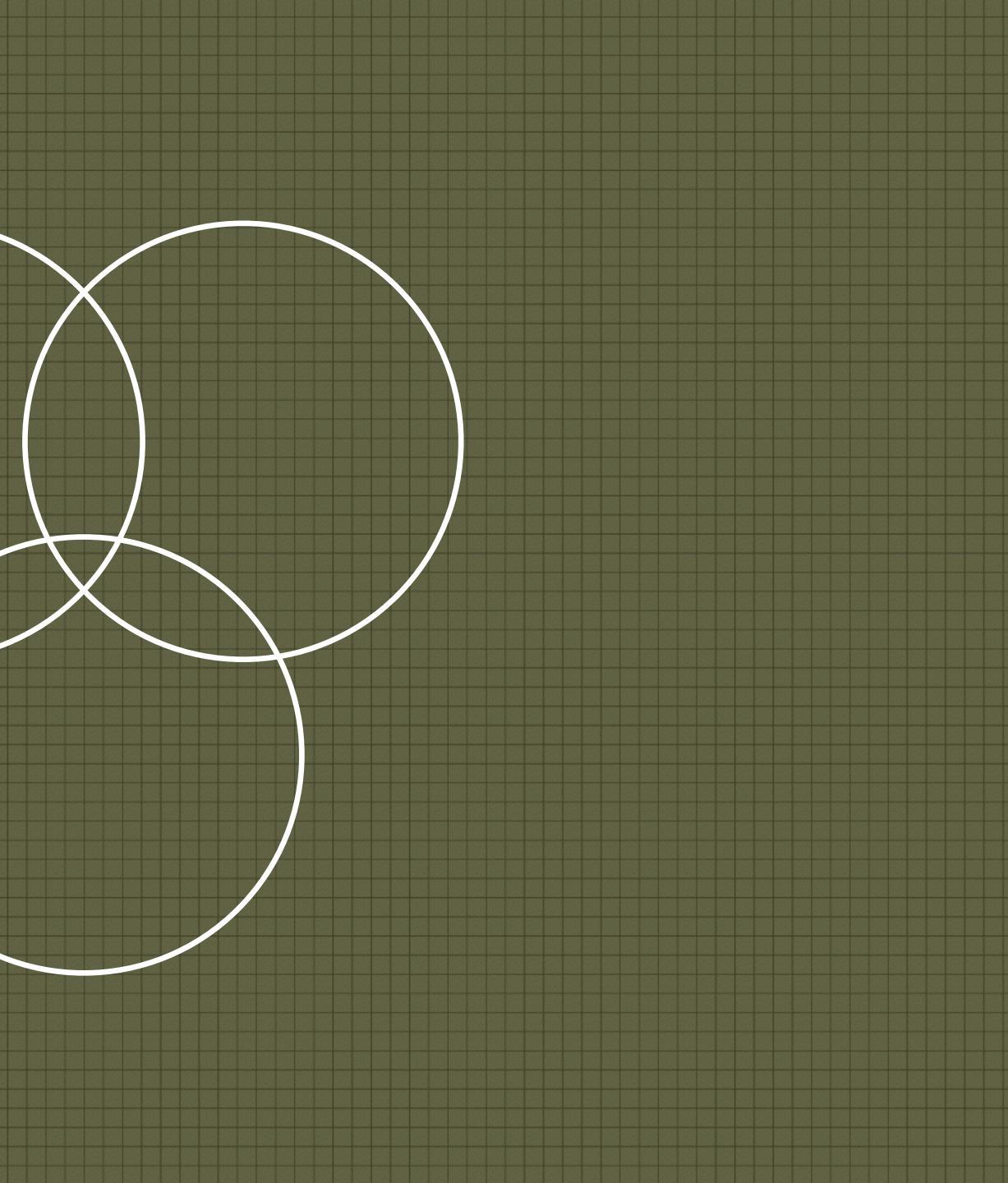












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JUST BECAUSE YOU CANNOT REALIZE YOUR HIGHEST ASPIRATIONS IN WORK DOES NOT MEAN YOU HAVE CHOSEN WRONGLY, OR ARE NOT CALLED TO YOUR PROFESSION, OR THAT YOU SHOULD SPEND YOUR LIFE LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT CAREER THAT IS DEVOID OF FRUSTRATION. THAT WOULD BE A FRUITLESS SEARCH FOR ANYONE. YOU SHOULD





### EXPECT TO BE REGULARLY FRUSTRATED IN YOUR WORK EVEN THOUGH YOU MAY BE IN EXACTLY THE RIGHT VOCATION.



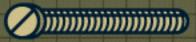






THE CHURCH'S APPROACH TO AN INTELLIGENT CARPENTER IS USUALLY CONFINED TO EXHORTING HIM TO NOT BE DRUNK AND DISORDERLY IN HIS LEISURE HOURS AND TO COME TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY'S. WHAT THE CHURCH SHOULD BE TELLING HIM IS THIS: THAT THE VERY FIRST DEMAND THAT HIS RELIGION MAKES UPON HIM IS THAT HE SHOULD MAKE GOOD TABLES.

#### DOROTHY SAYERS





IF IT FALLS TO YOUR LOT TO BE A STREET SWEEPER, SWEEP THE STREETS LIKE MICHELANGELO PAINTED PICTURES, LIKE SHAKESPEARE WROTE POETRY, LIKE BEETHOVEN COMPOSED MUSIC; SWEEP STREETS SO WELL THAT ALL THE HOST OF HEAVEN AND EARTH WITH HAVE TO PAUSE AND SAY "HERE LIVED A GREAT STREET SWEEPER, WHO SWEPT HIS JOB WELL."

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.









