

**When Life Does  
Not Go As  
Expected!**



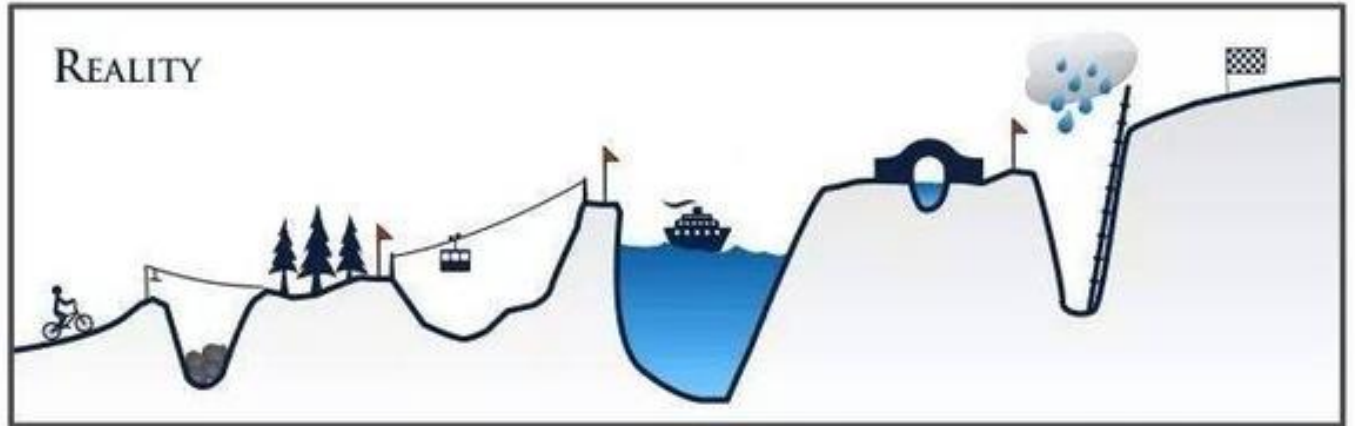


## A short story...

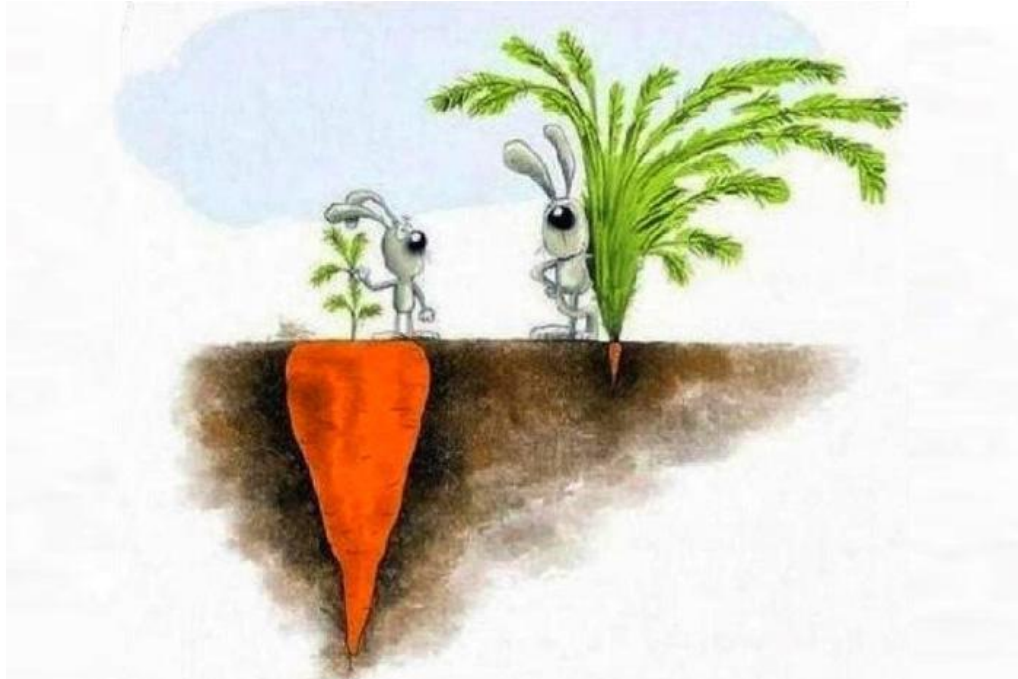
### Mark 2: 1-5

1 When Jesus returned to Capernaum several days later, the news spread quickly that he was back home. 2 Soon the house where he was staying was so packed with visitors that there was no more room, even outside the door. While he was preaching God's word to them, 3 four men arrived carrying a paralyzed man on a mat. 4 They couldn't bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they dug a hole through the roof above his head. Then they lowered the man on his mat, right down in front of Jesus. 5 Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "My child, your sins are forgiven."

Our Lives...



**Who has made the plans and on which foundation were they built?**





# Eden did not go to plan?

God created a perfect world, to which he said it was GOOD.

However, an unexpected turn of events changed how things, as we believe, were supposed to be.

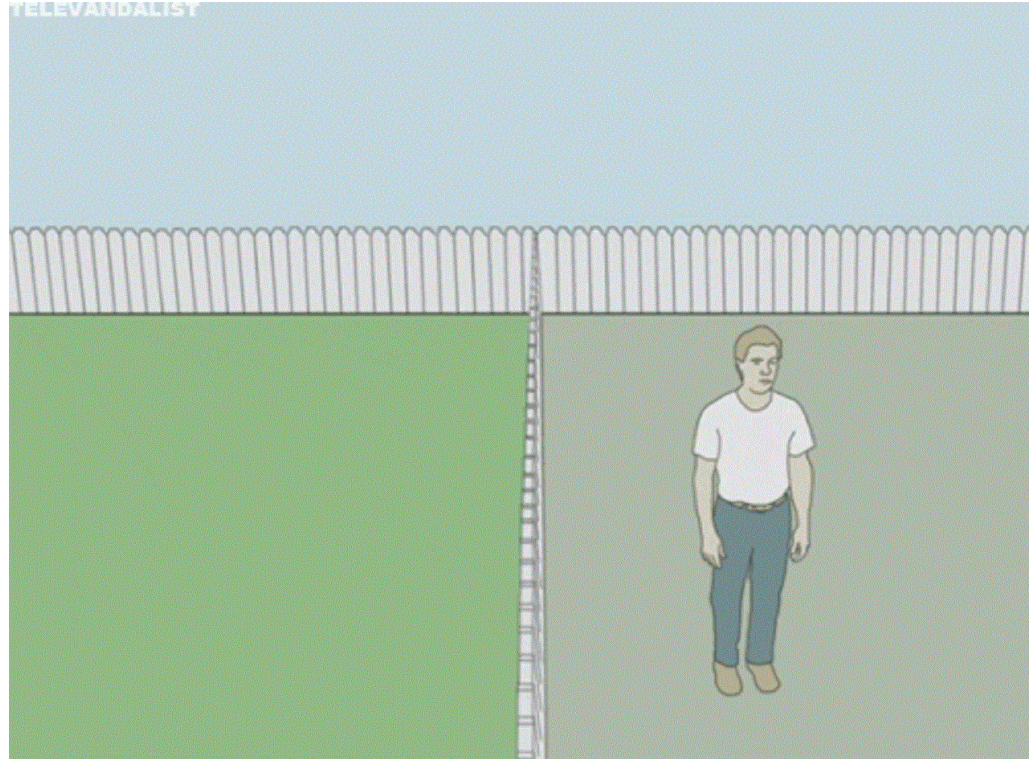
Yet...

## **Ephesians 1:9-11**

*9 God has now revealed to us his mysterious will regarding Christ—which is to fulfill his own good plan. 10 And this is the plan: At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth. 11 Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God,[\[a\]](#) for he chose us in advance, and he makes everything work out according to his plan.*



# Is life then an illusion?



# God is still at work!



*I am the Lord;  
there is no other God.  
I have equipped you for battle,  
though you don't even know me,  
so all the world from east to west  
will know there is no other God.  
I am the Lord, and there is no other.  
I create the light and make the darkness.  
I send good times and bad times.  
I, the Lord, am the one who does these  
things.*

**The unexpected as part of the plan...**





## He knows it all...

Have we stopped to think that the deviations and the unexpected turns that our lives took, were all acknowledged by God so that we can be used by him?

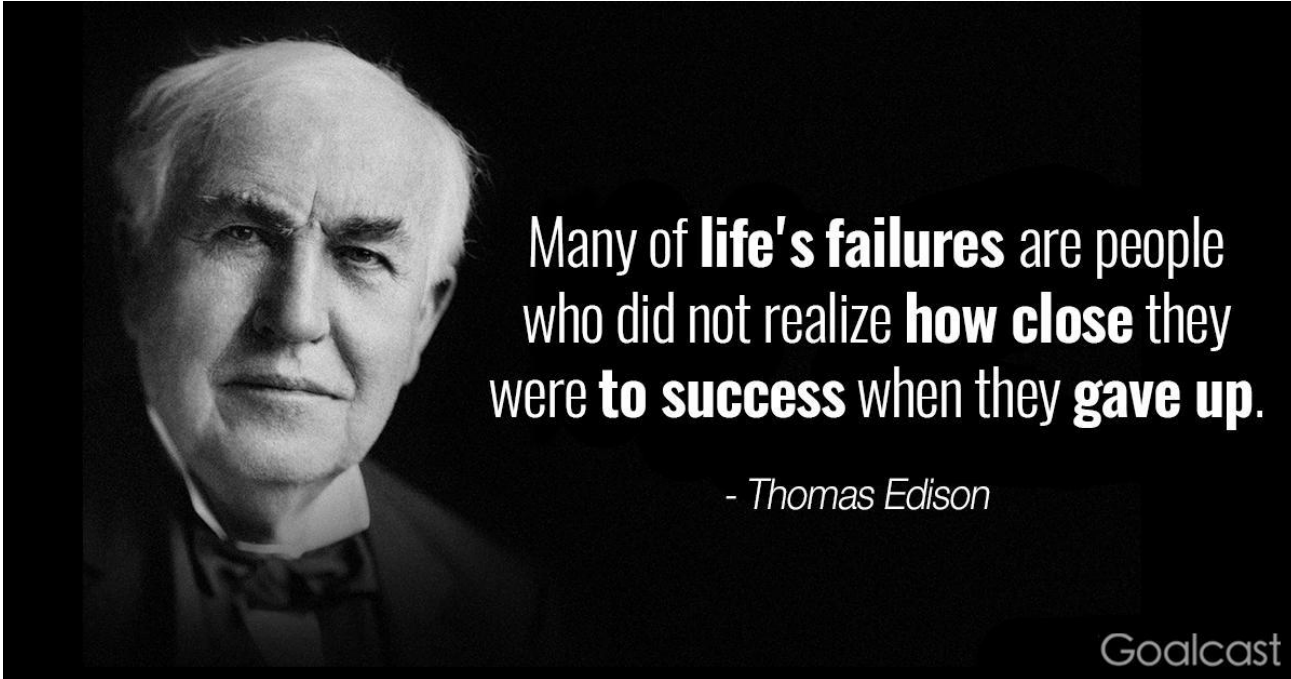
That we should stop looking at the closed door, or the room full of people with no way in, and start finding the little window that is opened...or dig a hole in the roof?







## Not failing, but...





## **Allow God to reveal himself...**

- Recognizing Jesus in our lives...
- Seeing beyond what is broken...
- Expecting the unexpected as part of the plan...
- Trusting God...
- Being used by God...

**Trust in the Lord, and allow him to show you how the unexpected turn of events in your life is still much part of the plan, and can be used for his glory.  
Amen!**