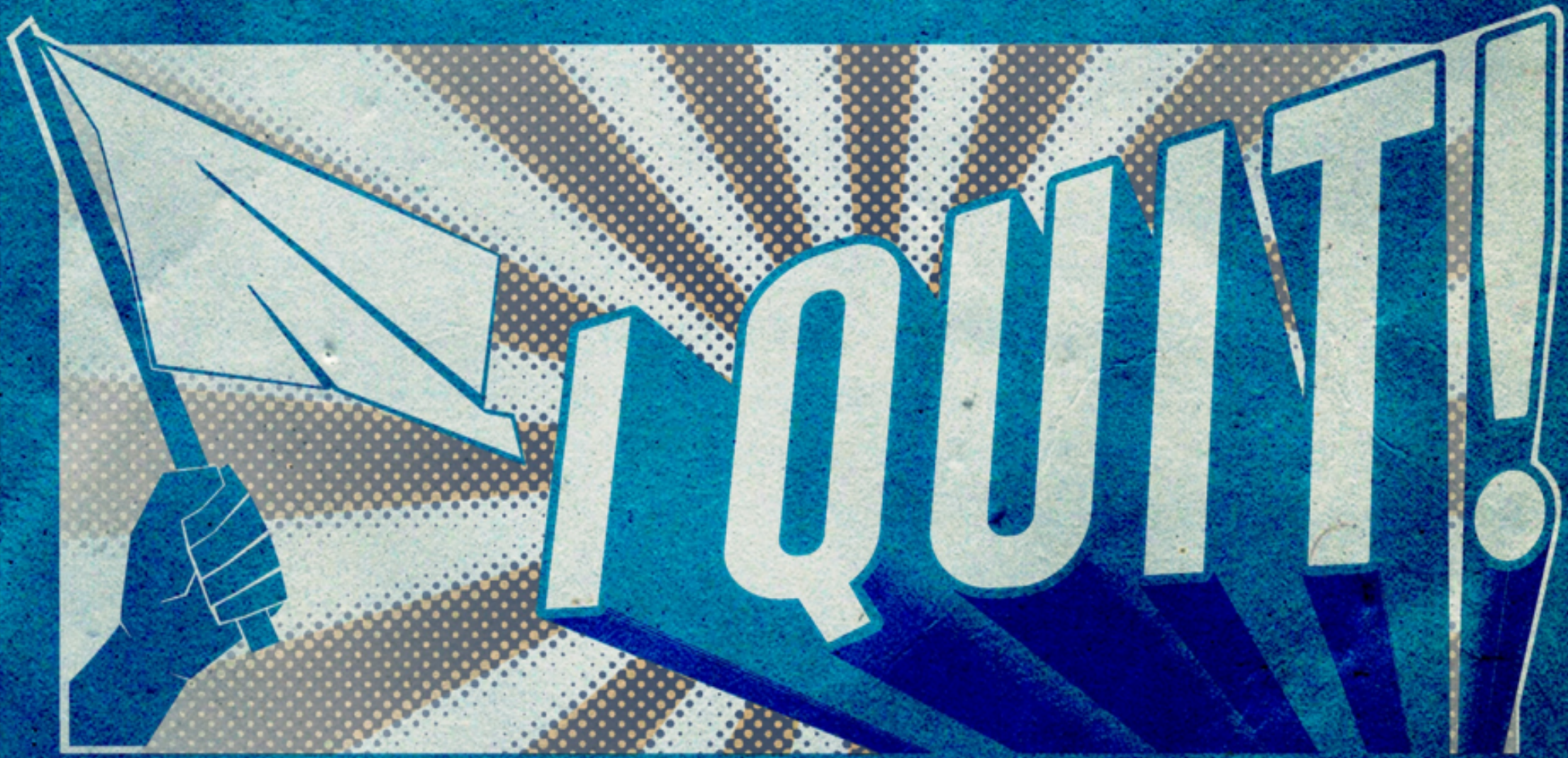
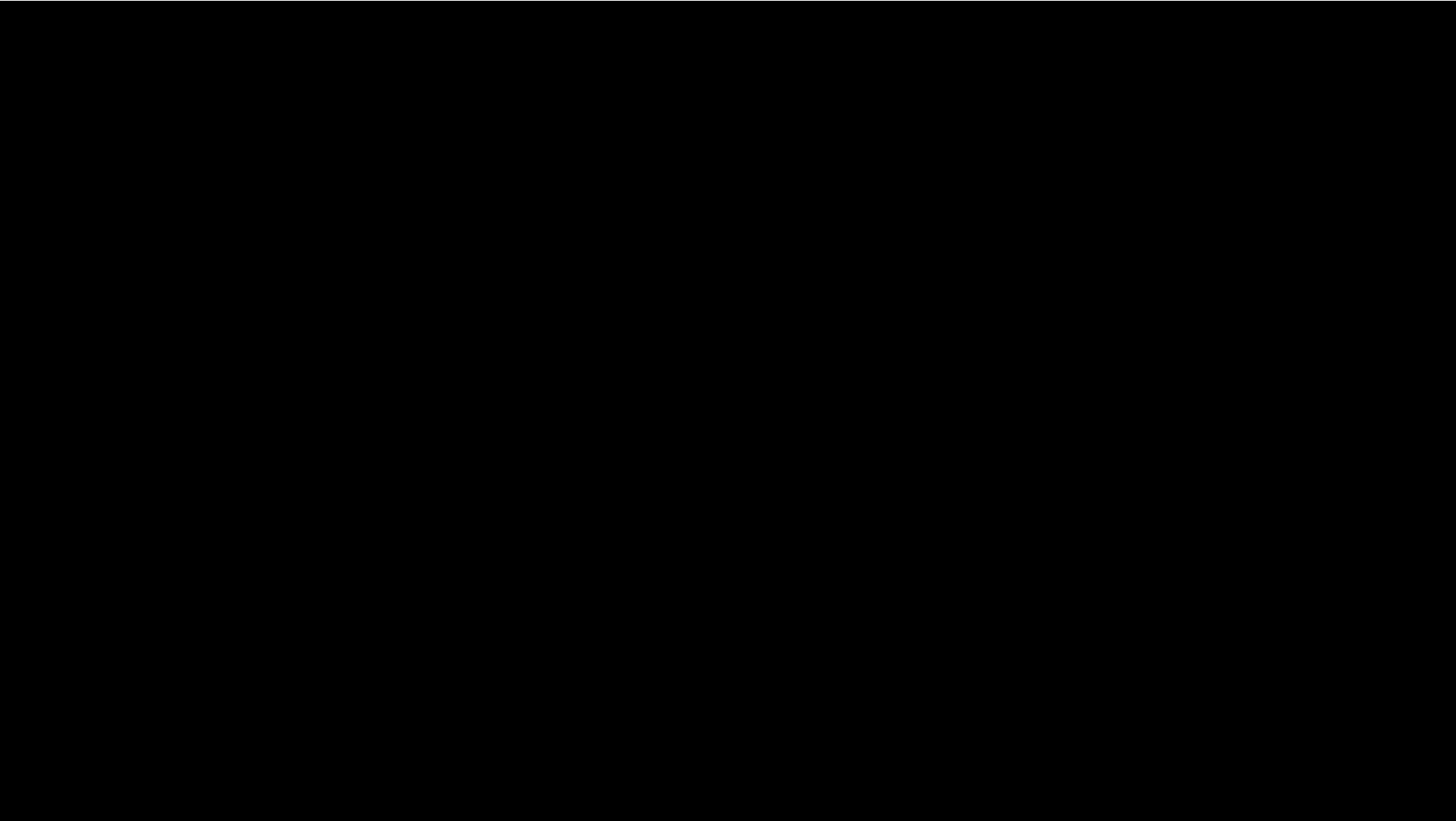


**Our Purpose is to give glory to God
by meeting people where they are,
sharing Jesus with them in a meaningful way,
and encouraging them
to live in a growing relationship with Him.**





Making Excuses

An attempt to lessen the blame attaching to a fault or offense

Seek to defend or justify.

An explanation put forward to defend or justify a fault or offense

An excuse is just us talking about why its not important that we do something



Making Excuses

If something is important to you to do it
There is never a reason why it can't be done

If its important to you then there is
Always Enough Time

Always enough money

You are able to figure out the skillset or find help

Excuses are about **WANT TO...**



Moses

Moses said to the Lord, “Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue.”

Exodus 4:10



Moses

Moses did not want to go to Egypt

**Reality Moses saw it as important,
just not important to him**

He threw God the line... I am slow of speech

**Funny Moses' speech impediment
never impacted and other part of his life**



Us

Often we have the same logic as Moses
God calls us to witness.... I don't speak so good

God calls us to treasure his word...
I don't memorize so well

Like Moses we look for the excuse to pass God



God Did Not Buy It!

God tells Moses that
He is in control,
do use a limitation
as an excuse





I QUIT!

**In an excuse you are saying
“I don't want to and it's not
important to me”**



Jesus Dealt with Excuses

(Luke 9:57-62)

In the story Jesus is looking for followers

The first man comes up to Jesus

Jesus seems to think the man is not serious

We don't get a verbal reply but we also
get no indication he followed

ACTIONS



Jesus Dealt with Excuses

The Second man Jesus approaches -- Follow me

The Man --- “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.”

Jesus --- “Let the dead bury their own dead,
but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”

Jesus is not saying funerals are wrong
what he is saying your important needs
to be what God wants



Jesus Dealt with Excuses

The third man Jesus Approaches --- Follow Me

The Man --- “I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family.”

Jesus --- “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.”

I will follow --- in the future --- but First

You can't move forward
while looking back



Jesus Taught About Excuses

(Luke 14:16-24)

Each invitee makes an excuse as to why they can't come

The ultimate response of the master

The master did not force them to come

He also did not accept their excuse

He moved on

They never got another invitation



**Nor did they ever get a taste
of the goodness
they were offered**



**Are you all out of
Peanut Butter
or Excuses?**

