



# A Jesus-Centered Approach to Effectively Navigating Complexity and Change

**WORKSHOP**

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## Your Current Reality

What are some words/phrases that describe your current reality? (personal, team, organization)

Surviving	Sustaining	Thriving

Adapted from Dr. Rick Franklin

## Your Current Reality Meets Ephesians 3:20

*“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us...”*

## The Foundation to Reimagine and Innovate

- ▶ A bigger, fuller, and clearer vision of God
- ▶ A passionate embrace of the heart of God
- ▶ A fresh sense of the creativity of God
- ▶ A willingness to embrace creativity and change

## Four Practices to Reimagine and Innovate

### 1. Praying

- ▶ “The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but victory rests with the Lord.”  
Proverbs 21:31
- ▶ *“Prayer does not fit us for the greater work, prayer is the greater work.”*  
Oswald Chambers

### 2. Developing

- ▶ Jesus Example - 3, 12, 72
- ▶ Psalm 78:72
- ▶ 4 Key Elements - Intimacy, Character, Relational, Service
- ▶ *“Though He was very engaged in the pressing daily demands of His ministry, Jesus spent the majority of His time intentionally investing in the few for the sake of the many.”* Steve Brown

### 3. Collaborating

- ▶ We are called to be kingdom seekers not empire builders.
- ▶ *“Make me ambitious to please Thee even if as a result I must sink into obscurity and my name be forgotten as a dream.”* A.W. Tozer
- ▶ See: Peter Greer, Chris Horst & Jill Heisey, *Rooting for Rivals: How Collaboration and Generosity Increase the Impact of Leaders, Charities and Churches* (Bloomington: Bethany, 2018)

### 4. Innovating

“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing. Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.” Isaiah 43:18-19

## GOOGLE’S Approach to Innovation

1. Think 10X
2. Launch and keep listening
3. Share everything you can
4. Hire the right people
5. 70/20/10 Model
6. Look for ideas everywhere
7. Use data, not opinions
8. Focus on users not competition
9. Fail well
10. Have a mission that matters

<https://www.fastcompany.com/3021956/googles-nine-principles-of-innovation>

## Five Questions When You Face Constraints

1. Could there be a bigger priority that God wants you to address? Sometimes God can use constraints in hopes of focusing us on priority issues we need to address before we are ready or able to receive more provision.
2. How could you reframe your thinking about your constraint? What would happen if you moved from “we can’t because...” to “what if...” thinking? What’s the question that frames your goal in light of your constraint? Is there opportunity in this constraint?
3. Who could you engage or learn from to help you think outside the box of your constraint and circumstances?
4. How can your constraint or weakness actually be an opportunity for God to demonstrate his sufficiency and for you to depend on him in a deeper way? (2 Cor. 12:9)
5. How does prayer fit into your constraint? Prayer helps break our self-sufficiency and brings us and our limitations to Jehovah-Jireh—the Lord who provides.

See: Jordan Raynor, *Called to Create: A Biblical Invitation to Create, Innovate, and Risk* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2017)

See: Adam Morgan & Mark Barden, *A Beautiful Constraint: How To Transform Your Limitations Into Advantages, and Why It’s Everyone’s Business* (Hoboken: Wiley, 2015)

## Reflections



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