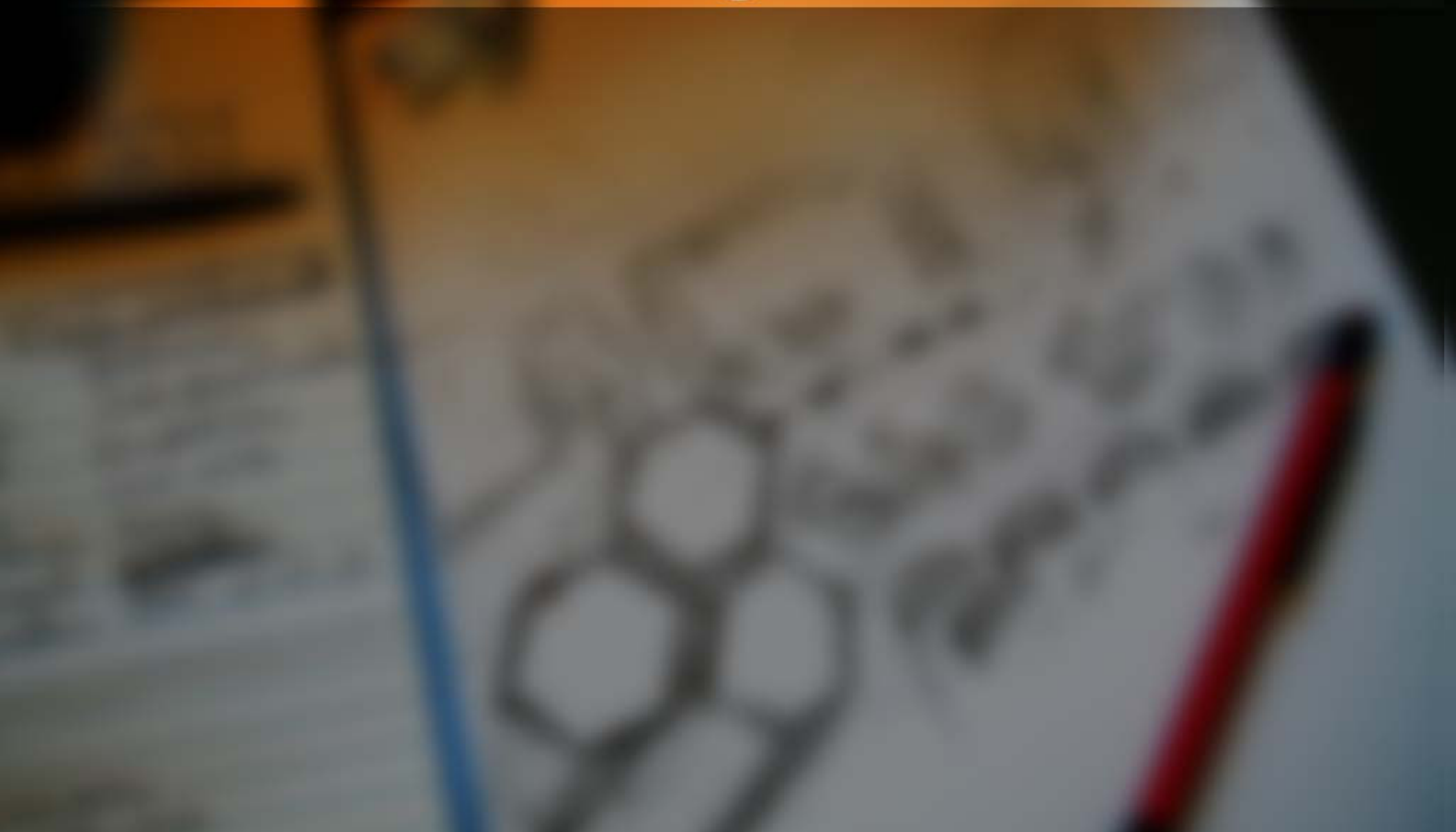


CLAIMING A LIFE

I never thought possible



“When I was young and free and my imagination had no limits I dreamed of changing the world.

As I grew older and wiser, I discovered the world will not change, so I shortened my sights somewhat and decided to change only my country. But it, too, seemed immovable.

As I grew into my twilight years,
in one desperate attempt, I
settled for changing only my
family, those closest to me, but
alas, they would have none of it.

And now as I lie on my death bed, I suddenly realize if only I had changed my self first, then by example I would have changed my family. From their inspiration and encouragement, I would have been able to better my country and, who knows, I may have even changed the world.”

Questions:

- What do I believe in?
- Why do I exist?
- Where am I going?

BARRIERS TO A CHANGED LIFE

1. A Poor Self-Image
2. Ignorance of Who God is
3. Doubt
4. Inadequacy
5. Fear of Failure

STEPS TO A CHANGED LIFE

1. Recall past victories
2. Re-examine your past motives
3. Reject discouragement

TRUTHS OF CHANGED LIVES

1. Obeying God in small things is a step toward understanding God's greatest blessings.
2. Our obedience is always beneficial to others
3. Our obeying God may require doing some things that appear to be unreasonable

TRUTHS OF CHANGED LIVES

4. Our obedience to God demonstrates his power in our life
5. Obeying God leads to deeper understanding
6. Obeying God will result in a dramatic change in your life

When faced with a decision How Do I Know It's God's Will for My life?

- 1. Is it consistent with the
Word of God?**
- 2. Is this a wise decision?**
- 3. Can I honestly ask God to
enable me to achieve this?**

When faced with a decision How Do I Know It's God's Will for My life?

4. Do I have a genuine peace about this?
5. Does this fit who I am as a follower of Jesus?
6. Will this decision honor God