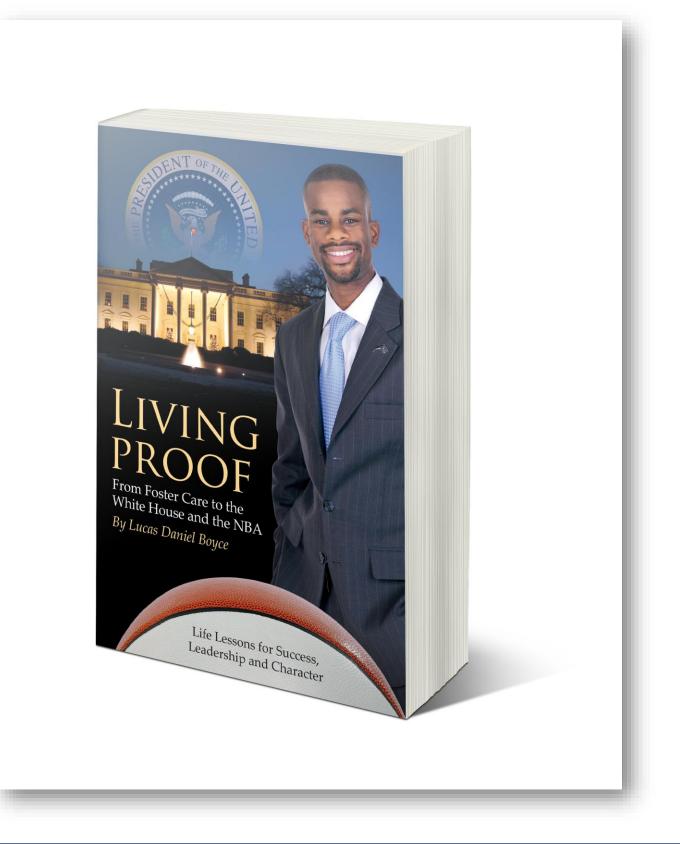


#### We Are Living Proof

Chief Probation Officers of California CPOC Foundation's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Foster Care Conference

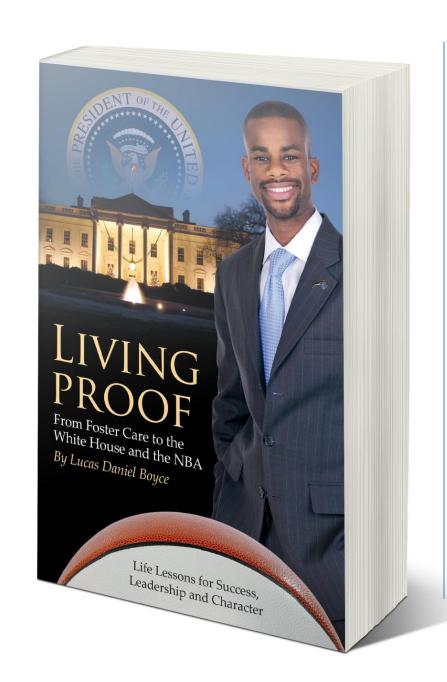


Tuesday | April 1, 2025 Anaheim, California



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### ENCOURAGE & EMPOWER



**Dorothy Boyce**My Adoptive Mother

**Carol Jones**A visit to Confirm Adoption





### BORN WITH DISABILITIES - F.A.S.D.

Children with fetal alcohol syndrome disorder (FASD) are often premature and underweight with small heads and are likely to remain unusually small and thin. Many are mentally [handicapped]. The average IQ of a child with FASD IS 68. They may also experience seizures and a host of other medical and psychological problems that are not outgrown as the child ages.

Hyperactivity and a poor attention span are common problems. Other characteristics of FAS are growth deficiency and central nervous system dysfunctions that lead to impulsivity, memory problems and learning disorders.

-Living Proof, Page 31







Adoption Day 1982



#### ENCOURAGE & EMPOWER



Mom had over **40 Foster Care Children** over the span of 15 years. She **Adopted 6** of us, had **4 of her own**. When she married my step-dad Larry, she gained **3 more daughters**.

Mom's Central Message: We Are Built For More!

At one point, my mom was a single mom of 11 Children.



### BUILD CONFIDENCE & TRUST



Average Confidence Ratings for Institutions, (1993-2021).

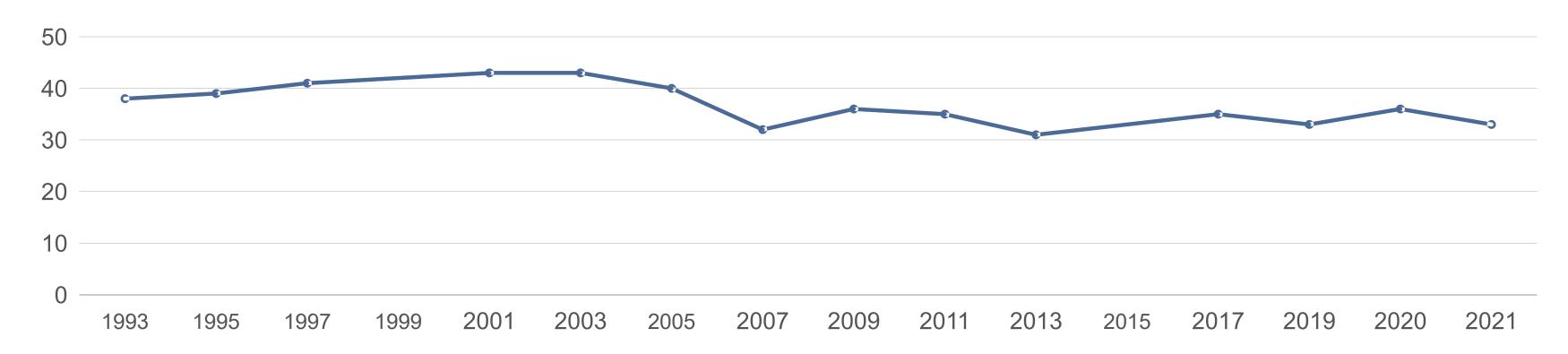


Average is computed for the 14 institutions Gallup has asked about since 1993.



33% average confidence in 14 major institutions, down from 36% in 2020.

#### **Trust in Major Institutions Survey**

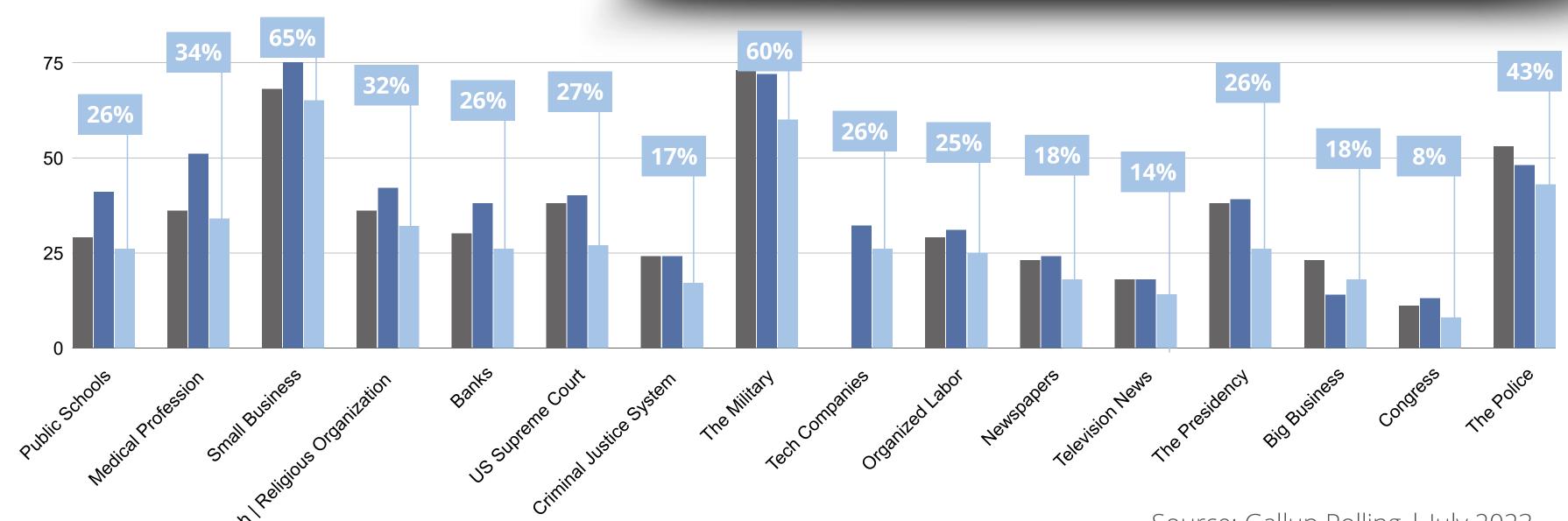


Source: Gallup Polling | July 2023



2019 2020 2023

#### BUILD CONFIDENCE & TRUST



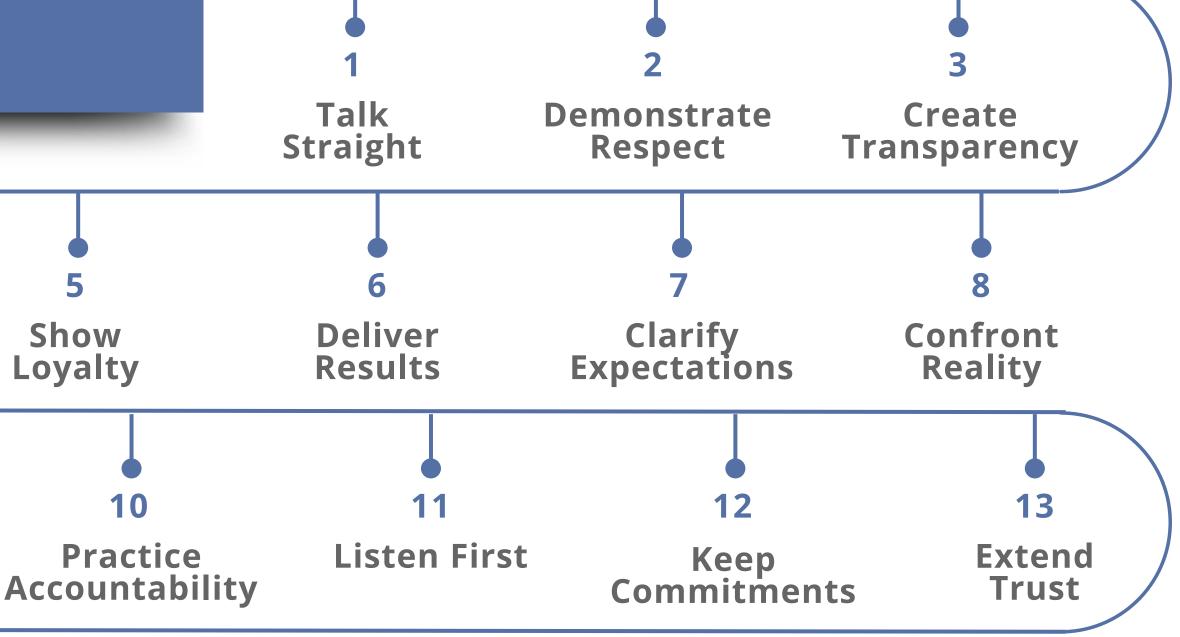


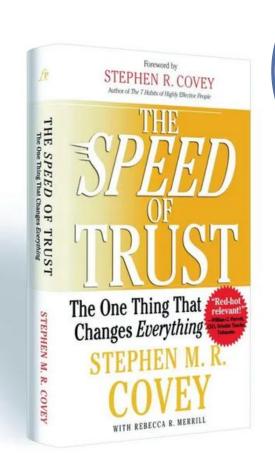
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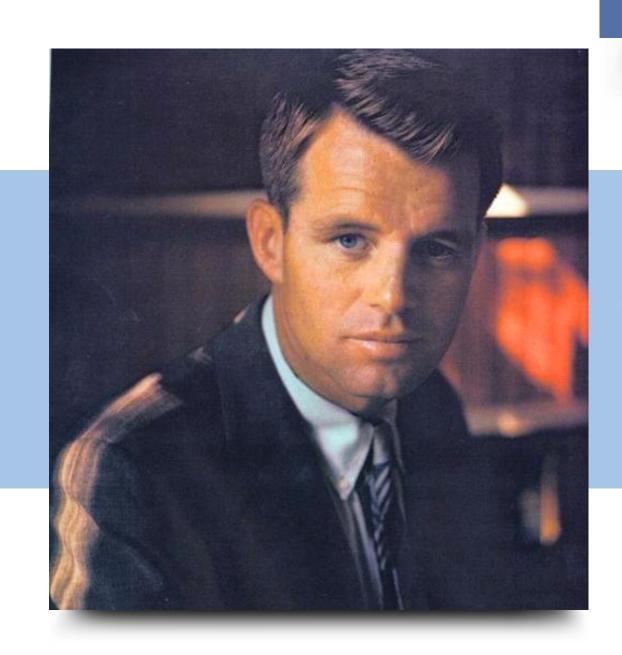
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**Get Better** 









Some men see things as they are and ask... Why? Others dream things that can be and ask... Why Not?

-Robert F. Kennedy





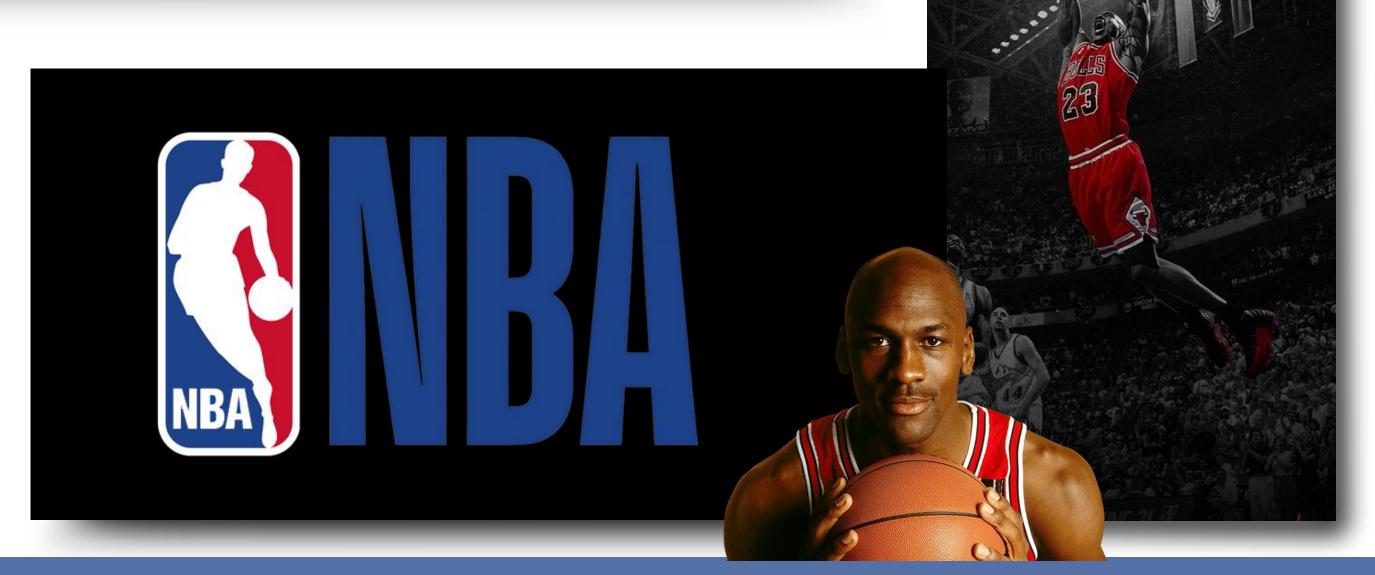




#### **Air Force One**





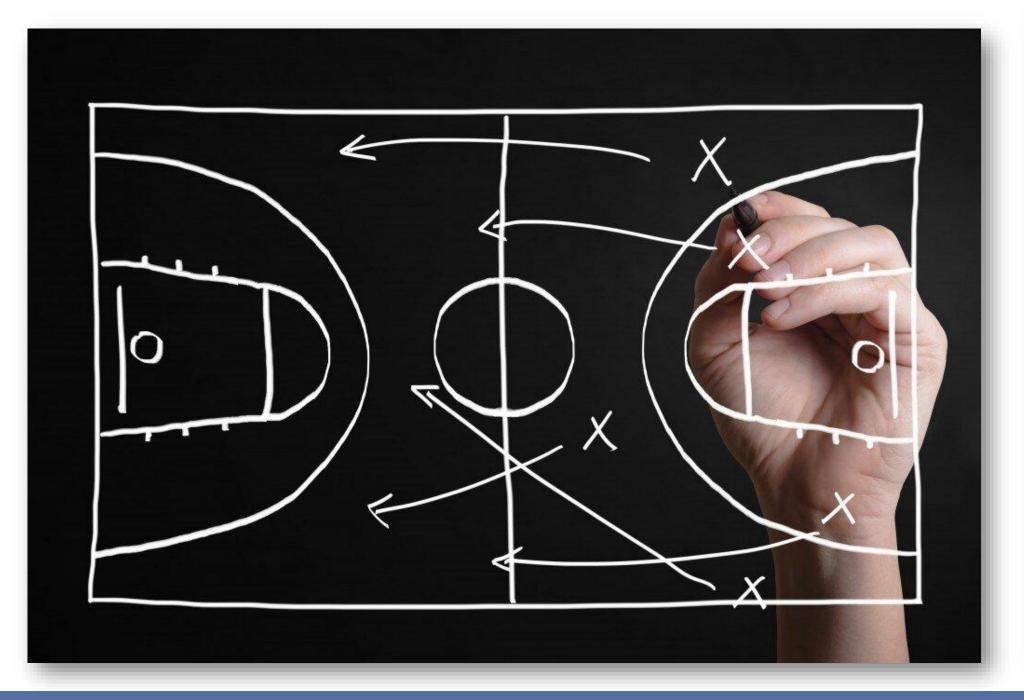




# MON'S 1ST KEY

Blessed are the flexible for they won't get bent out of shape.

- Former Magic Coach, Jacque Vaughn



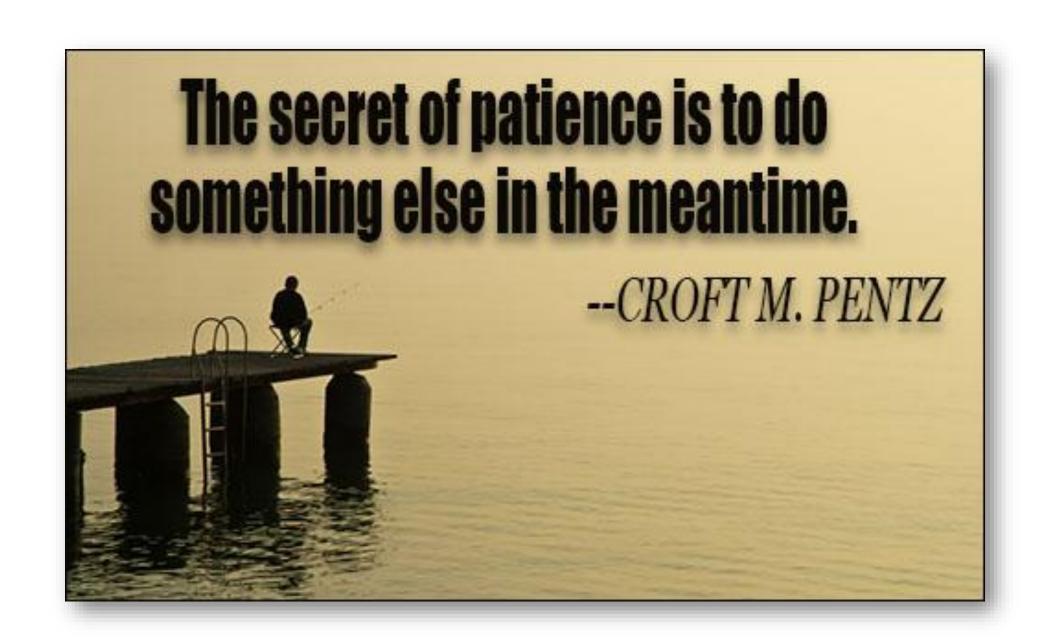






Any goal worth lasting value will require sacrifice to achieve it.





Patience isn't just about waiting. It's what you decide to do while you wait.



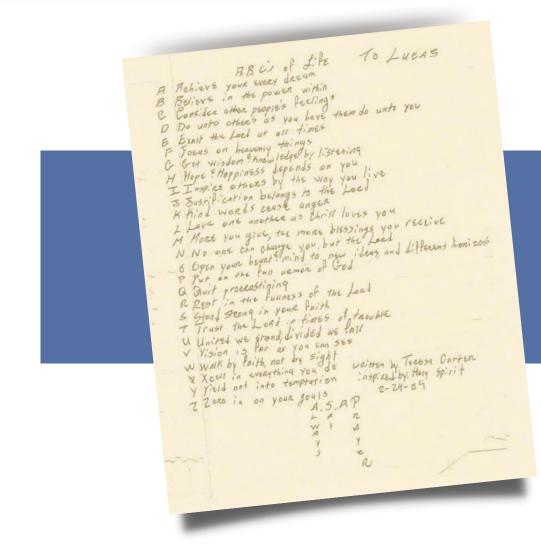


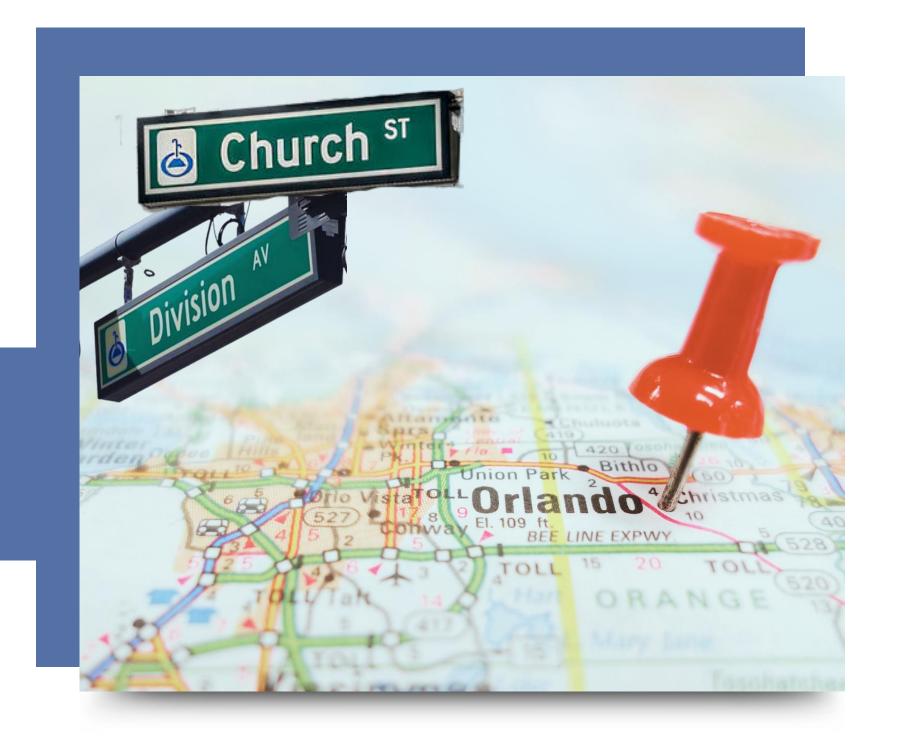
So many of our dreams at first seem impossible, then they seem improbable, and then, when we summon the will, they soon become inevitable.

-Christopher Reeve



### FOLLOW THE ABC'S OF LIFE



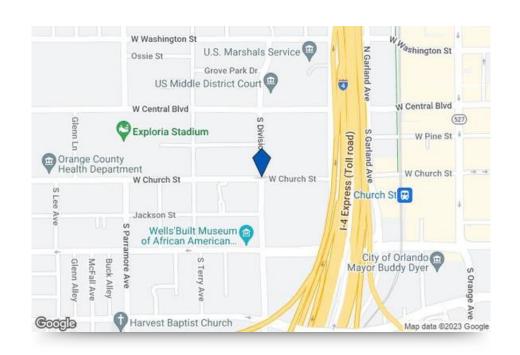




#### FOLLOW THE ABC'S OF LIFE



Intersection | Church Street & Division



Where I met a resident of Orange County Florida, Teresa Carter and received the ABC's of life For the first time.



## EMBRACE SERVICE ABOVE SELF

A good **leader** knows that at the end of the day its not about them. It's about the **positive difference they** can make in the lives of others.

A good leader leads from the front and not the back and is willing to do whatever it takes to get the job done.

-Pat Williams, Co-Founder, The Orlando Magic

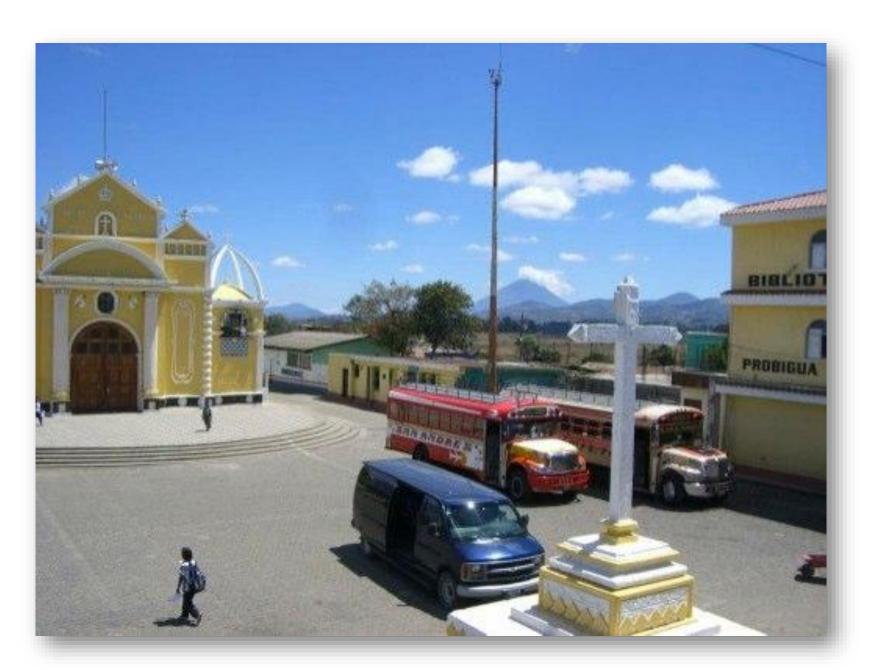




## DO WHATEVER IT TAKES



Santa Cruz Balanya, Guatemala | March 2007



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### LOOK UP AND ASK

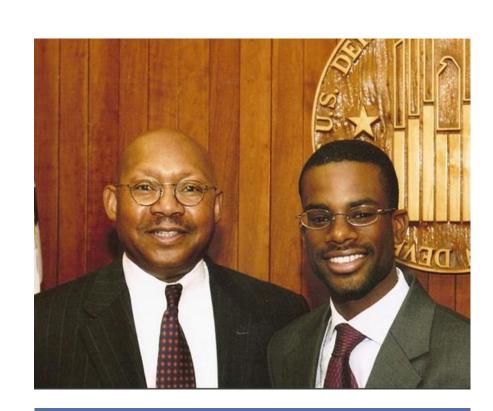




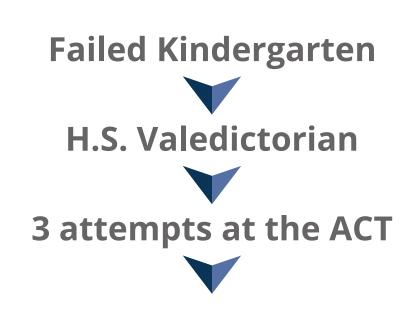




#### GET UP EACH TIME YOU FALL



Alphonso Jackson | Lucas 2002







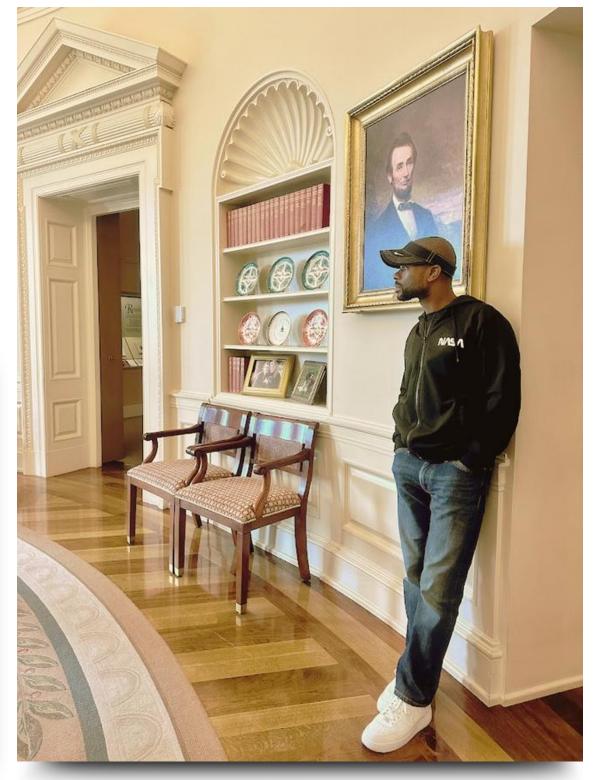
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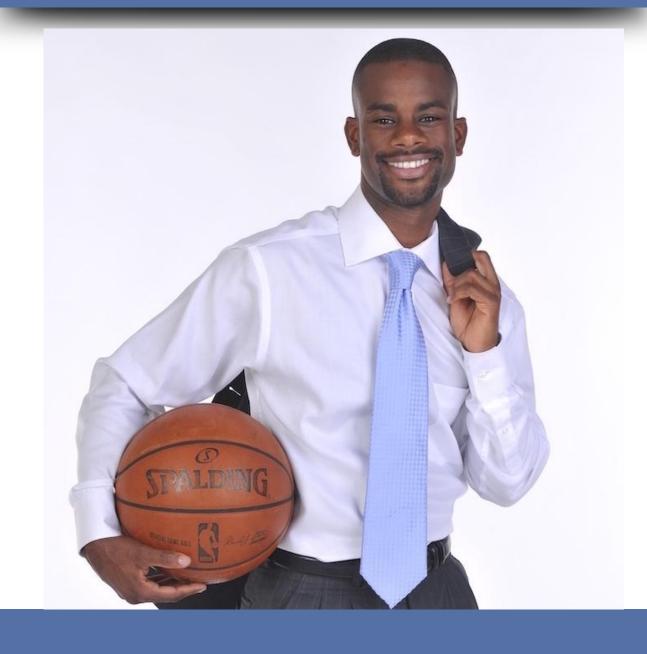
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### COURTSIDE ATTHE NBA











### DON'T TAKE YOURSELF TOO SERIOUSLY





### DON'T TAKE YOURSELF TOO SERIOUSLY





Friday Morning | February 1, 2008



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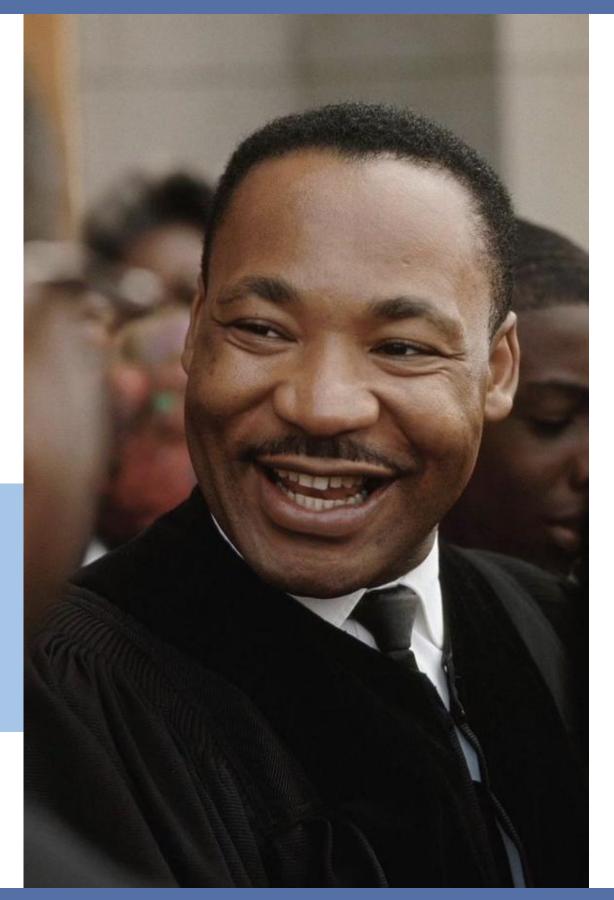


#### CHARACTER IS KING

Whatever affects one directly... affects all indirectly

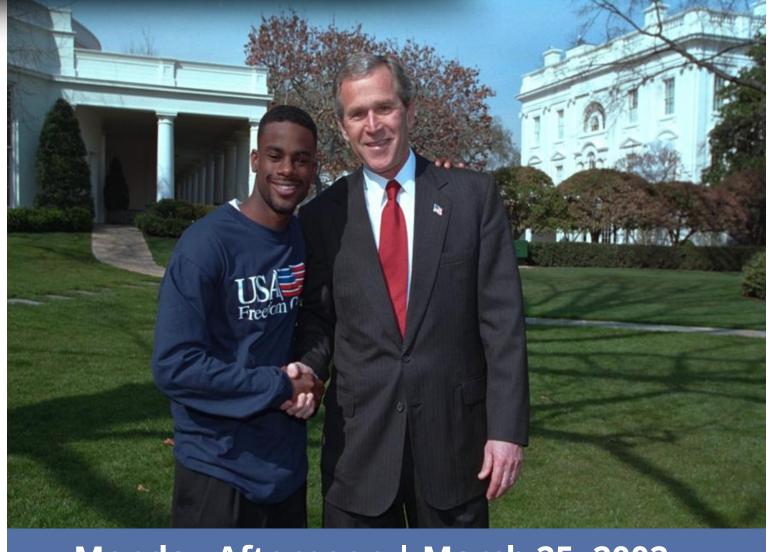
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-Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.





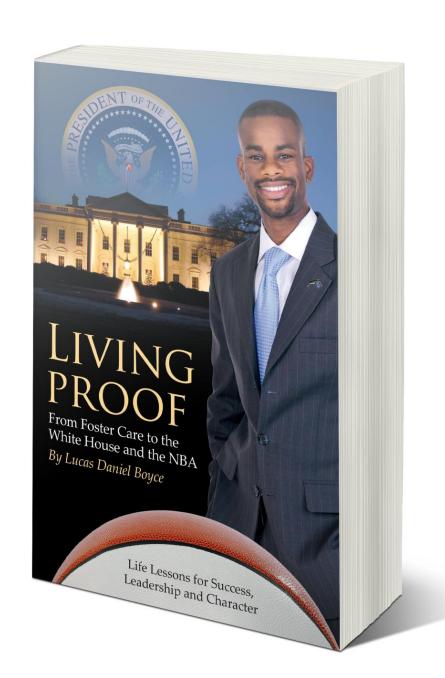
### CHARACTER IS KING



Monday Afternoon | March 25, 2002

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