



*Make it Happen.  
Shock  
Everyone.*

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# *Agenda*

Be Yourself

Be that ONE to someone else

Facing Adversity

Make it Happen



# ***Mrs. Barbara Bush***

- One of those exciting moments in my life was as the Traffic Unit Commander, I lead Mrs. Barbara Bush's motorcade throughout her time in Omaha. When she was viewing the Omaha Housing Authority Window factory, she asked to meet the young lady leading her motorcade! My motorcycle officers really looked good on those OPD Harley Davidsons!



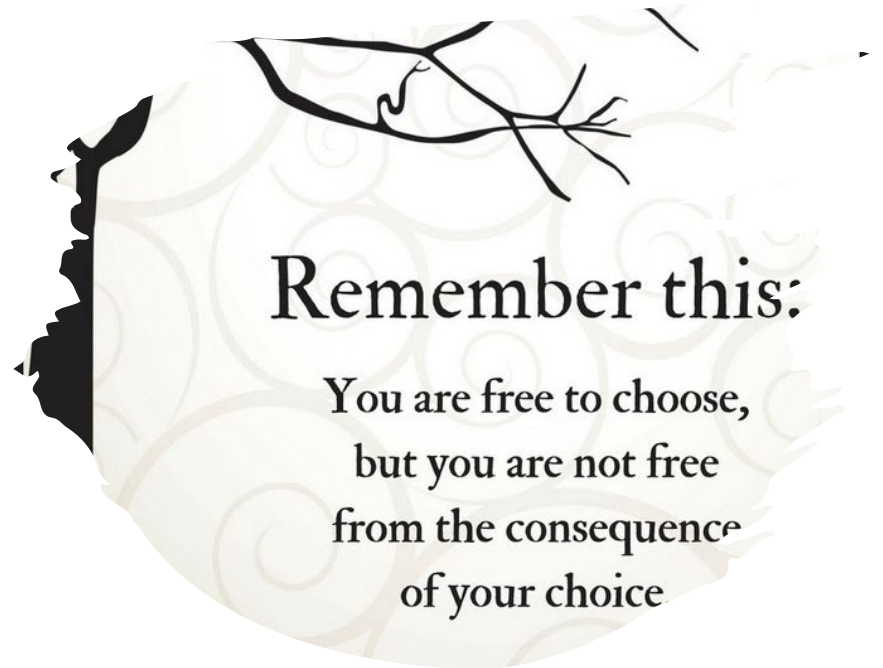




I'm so thankful my  
childhood was filled with imagination  
and bruises from playing outside,  
instead of apps on my phone and  
how many likes you can  
get on a picture.



Educate  
Inspire  
Change



Remember this:

You are free to choose,  
but you are not free  
from the consequence  
of your choice

*Remembering*

BE YOURSELF

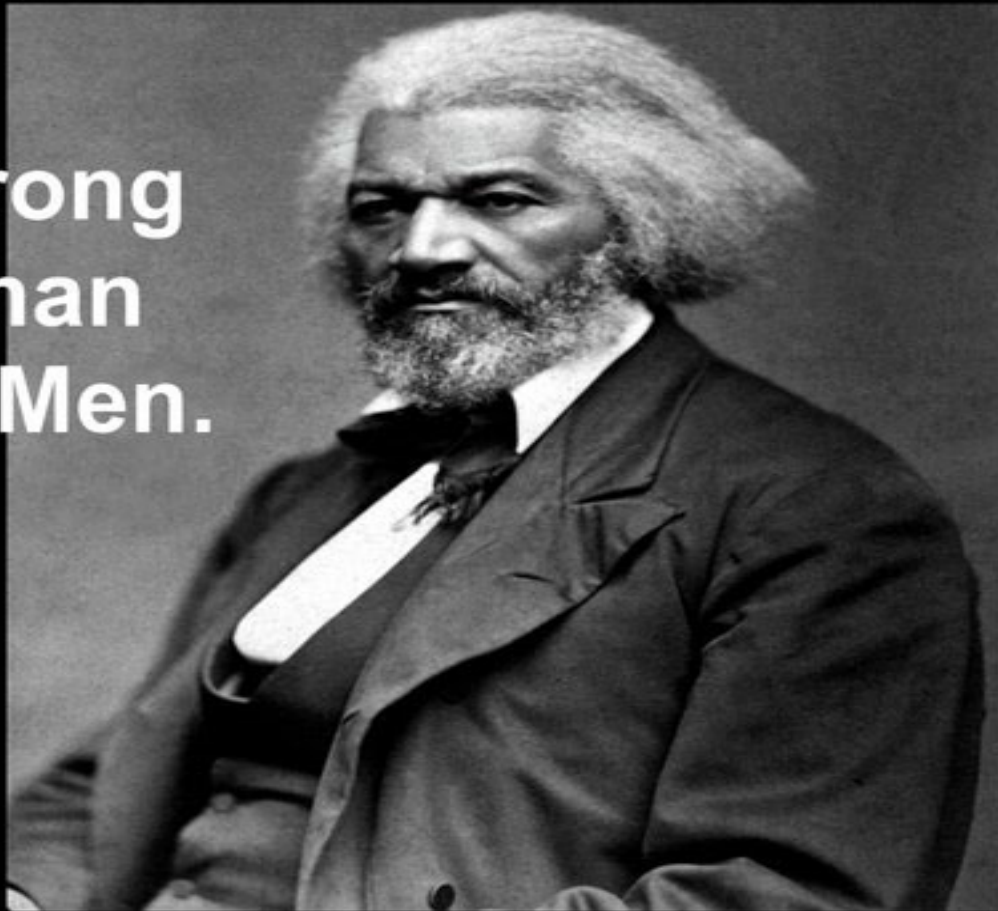
# Be that One to someone else...




"Every kid is ONE caring adult away from being a success story."  
- Josh Shipp -

**It's Easier  
To Build Strong  
Children, Than  
Fix Broken Men.**

*Frederick  
Douglas*





As the twig is bent,  
so grows the tree.

Alexander Pope



A large, horizontal, pink brushstroke graphic with a rough, feathered edge, serving as a background for the name.

*Lori  
Reynolds*

So many kids end up in the juvenile justice system before they've been able to get help. They end up getting it (help) through the juvenile justice system, and that's wrong. A kid shouldn't have to commit a crime to get the help they need.

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Lori Reynolds

# ***Be willing to do a self-assessment...***

We have a **powerful potential in our youth**, and we must have the **courage to change old ideas** and practices so that we may direct their power toward good ends.

– *Mary McLeod Bethune*



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***FACING ADVERSITY:***

***The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing.***

Walt Disney



# #FOSTERCAREMONTH



YOUTH PLACED IN  
GROUP HOMES ARE  
**2.5 x more likely**  
TO GET INVOLVED  
IN THE JUSTICE  
SYSTEM



**90%** OF YOUTH  
WITH 5+  
FOSTER  
PLACEMENTS  
WILL ENTER  
THE JUSTICE  
SYSTEM

Sources: <https://experts.umn.edu/en/publications/juvenile-delinquency-in-child-welfare-investigating-group-home-ef>  
<https://constitutionproject.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/399.pdf>

I sleep too much	Parents complain
I don't get enough sleep	Parents complain
I eat too much	Parents complain
I don't eat enough	Parents complain
I'm always in my room	Parents complain
I go out too much	Parents complain

**I CAN'T WIN**



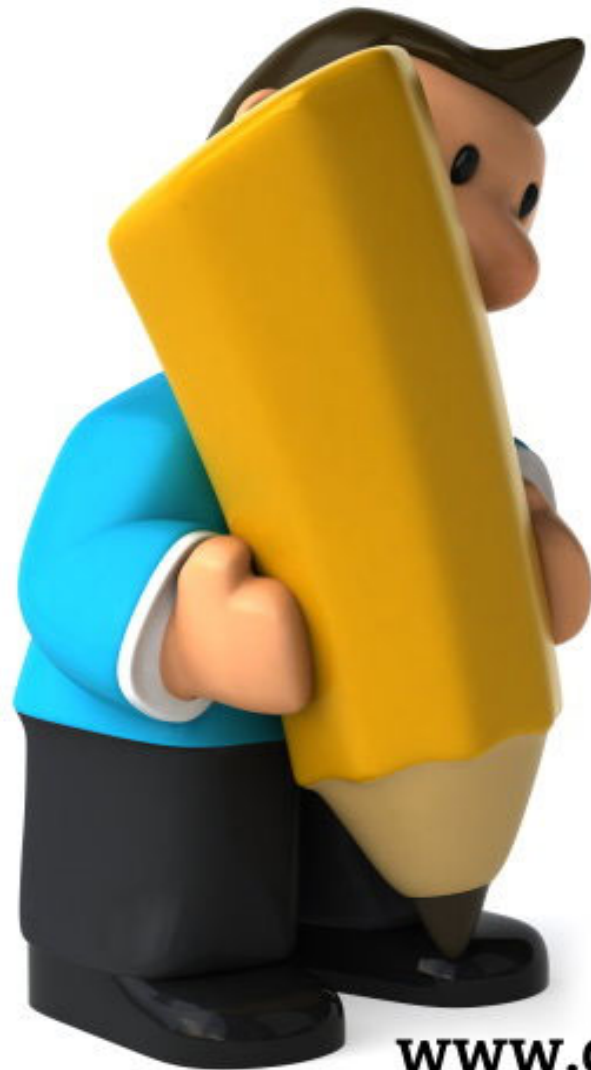
# *Adults can make a difference...*



I always wanted to be a juvenile delinquent but my parents wouldn't let me.

— *John Waters* —

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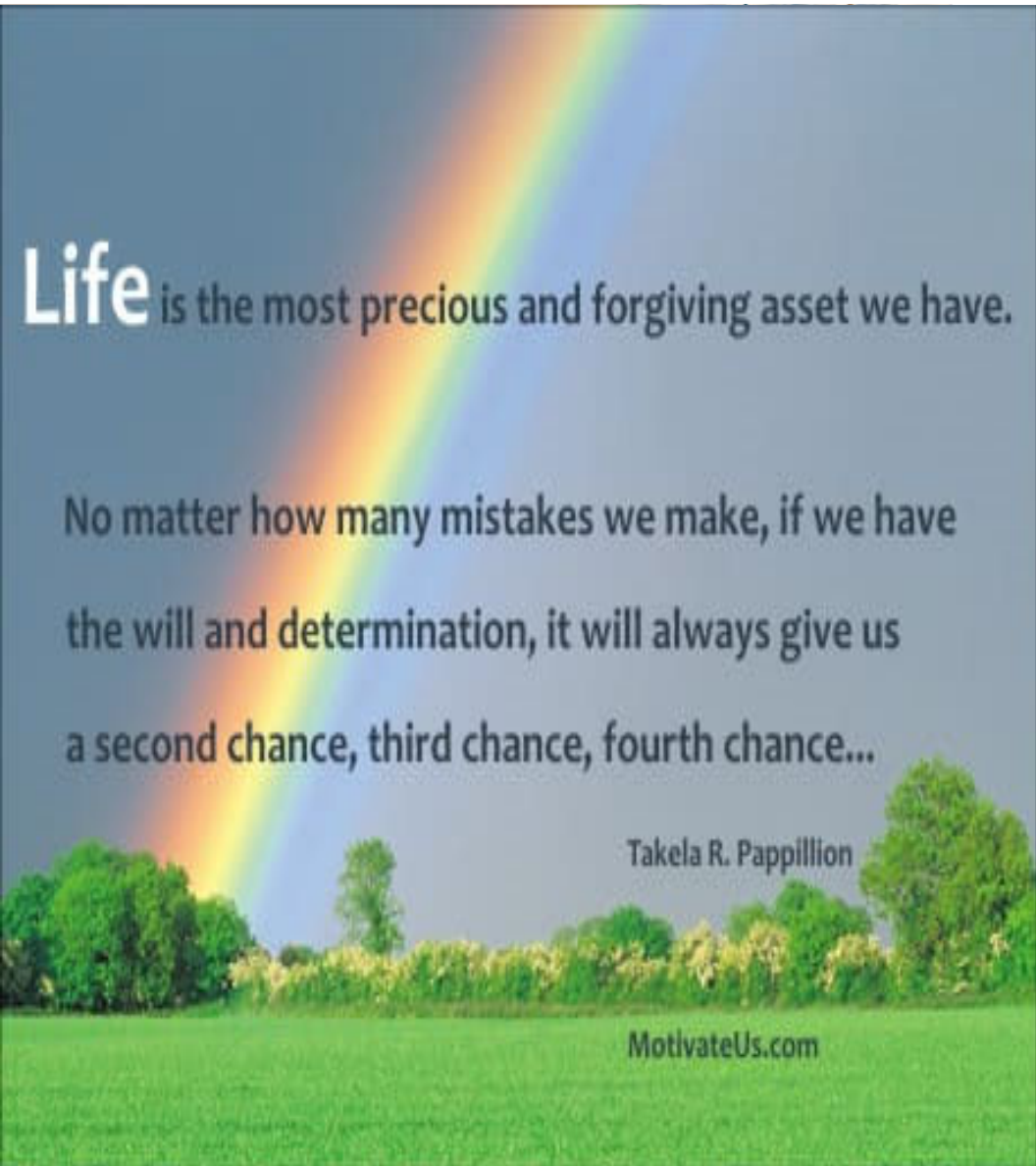


**An old man said,  
"Erasers are made for those who  
make mistakes."**

**A youth replied,  
"Erasers are made for those who  
are willing to correct their  
mistakes!"**

**Attitude matters!**

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**Life** is the most precious and forgiving asset we have.

No matter how many mistakes we make, if we have the will and determination, it will always give us a second chance, third chance, fourth chance...

Takela R. Pappillion

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***MAKE IT HAPPEN:***

***Summary***

Most of us sitting in this room did not get to where we are at in one swift move - it took determination, education and chances.

One of my most favorite quotes by Whitney M. Young:

It is better to be prepared for an opportunity that never comes, than to have an opportunity come and not be prepared.

# ***Thank you***

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*“Invent your world.  
Surround yourself with  
people, color, sounds, and  
work that  
nourish you.”  
-Susan Ariel Rainbow Kennedy*

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