



For this 2022-23 academic year, Men's Life will focus on nine topics, one topic each month in two parts. Two weeks ago, Paul Konstanski launched the series with a TED-type talk on the theme of "Innovation". He described the system he often uses to generate a new idea, a new plan or a new project. He explained that once you have a task, a need, or an assignment, he follows this process:

- **Load**  
Gather idea, search sources, load up your mind with multiple possibilities.
- **Relax**  
Step away for a while. Do something that relaxes you while the loaded ideas percolate.
- **Capture**  
Think. Draft. Revise. Edit. Publish.

In part two for this month, we, as Christian men, seek the counsel of God's Word regarding the topic of "Innovation". We'll explore what that mean for us in our daily walk with Christ. We'll look at Jesus Himself, and how he creatively used the props, cultural issues and relationships of His day to generate conversation, to invoke a response, or to challenge his audience. Finally, we'll read from a letter of Paul to get his take on innovation in light of the grace of God.

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**Genesis 1:26** Then God said, "Let us **make mankind in our image, in our likeness**, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

**Chronicles 2:13-14** "I am sending you Hiram-Abi, a man of great skill, He is trained to work in gold and silver, bronze and iron, stone and wood, and with purple and blue and crimson yarn and fine linen. **He is experienced** in all kinds of engraving and can execute any design given to him. He will work with your skilled workers and with those of my lord, David your father.

### **Psalm 51:10-13**

Create in me a pure heart, O God and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. **Then I will teach** transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you.

**Mark 6: 35-39** By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. "This is a remote place," they said, "and it's already very late. Send the people away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." But he answered, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "That would take more than half a year's wages. Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?" "How many loaves do you have?" he asked. **"Go and see."** When they found out, they said, "Five—and two fish."

**Ephesians 2:8-10** For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. **For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.**