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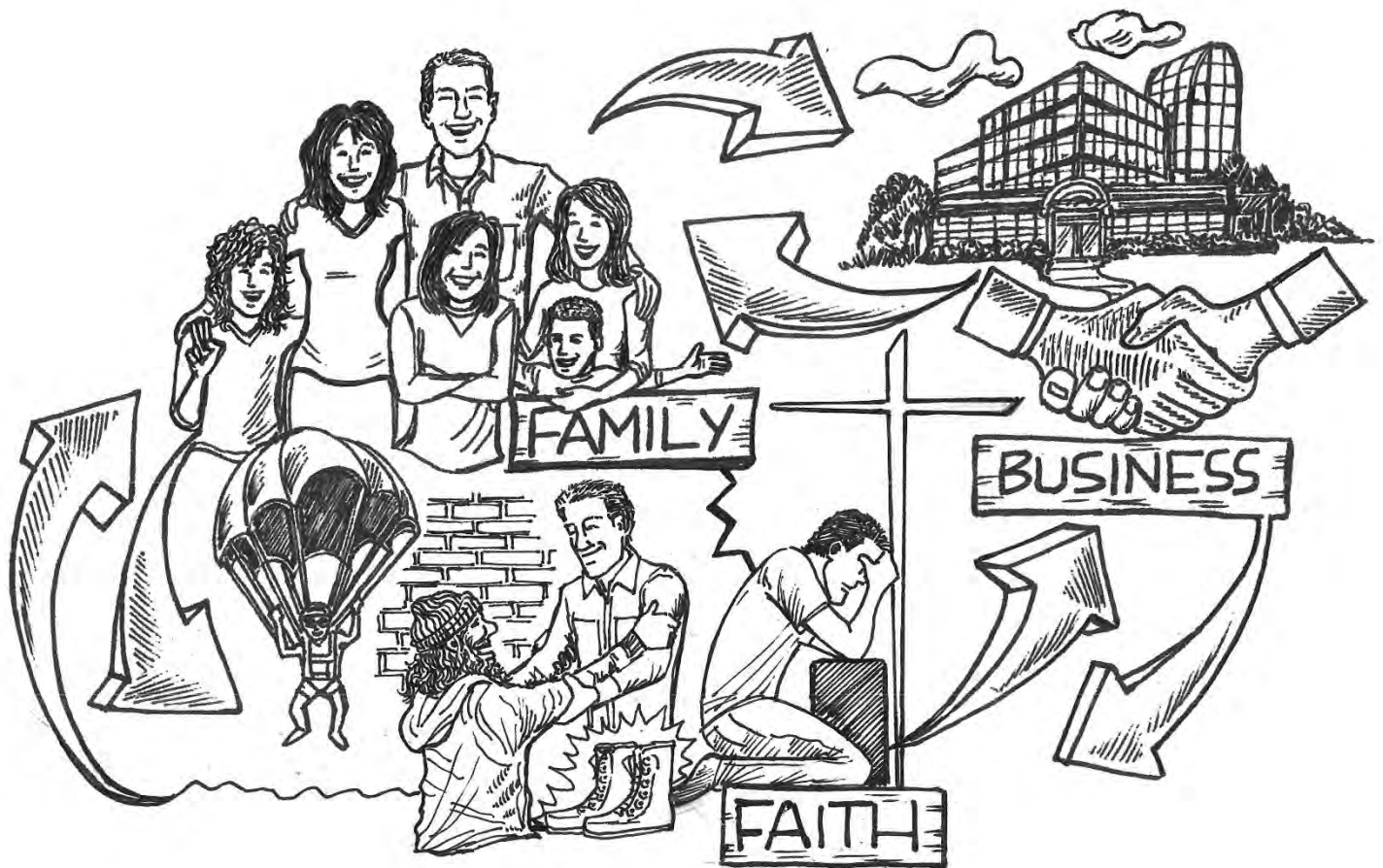
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## Introduction:



This diagram shows how family, business, and faith all work together to create something we call **"LIFE"**.

## 1. Call Me Johnny Awful



**A combination of stories** - my dad nicknamed me "Johnny Awful", my mother protected my brother, and I used my sister's finger to pick my nose.



I was carrying my clothes in an orange crate when a stranger approached me with a \$1. I decided not to explain to him that we weren't broke.



Instead of saving the high school girl from being thrown into our pool, my dad went into the house to grab the key, which unlocked the gate, helping us to accomplish our goal. Happy swimming!





A highly entertaining act in Jerseyville included me mooning kids during our lunch hour. The principle was not amused. I spent a week in detention.



I had to take an elementary English class as a result of scoring a 9 on my ACT. I ended up getting a 90% in the class, but my teacher gave me a C. He said "if you have to take this class, you don't deserve anything higher than a C."



## 2. Four Adoptions and One Abortion



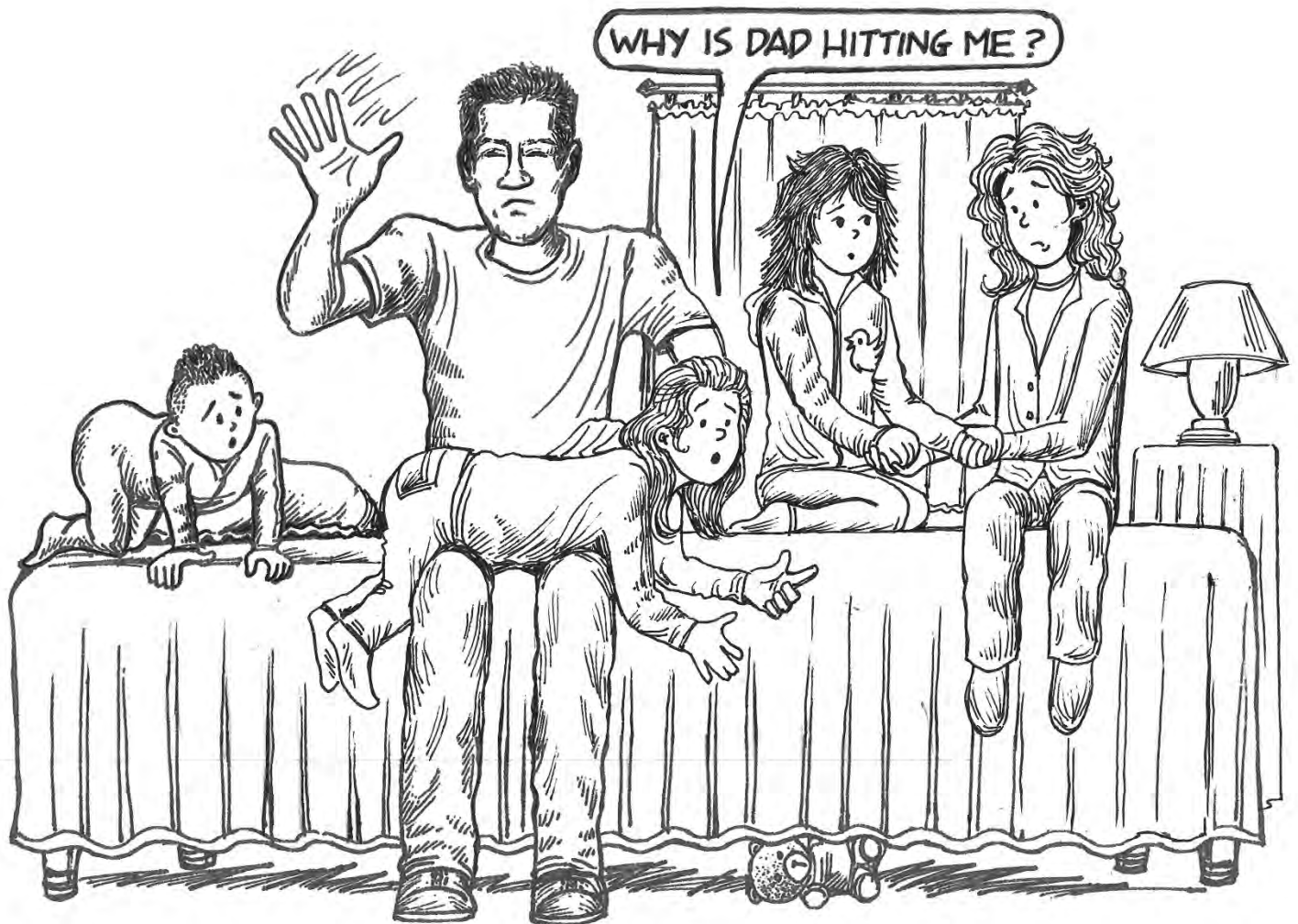
Two women walked by me as I was leaving the bathroom holding the cup that contained a semen specimen used for artificial insemination. How embarrassing...

### 3. Prepare the Child for the Road, not the Road for Your Child



My daughter Jessica telling me she did not take the \$50 from my wallet.

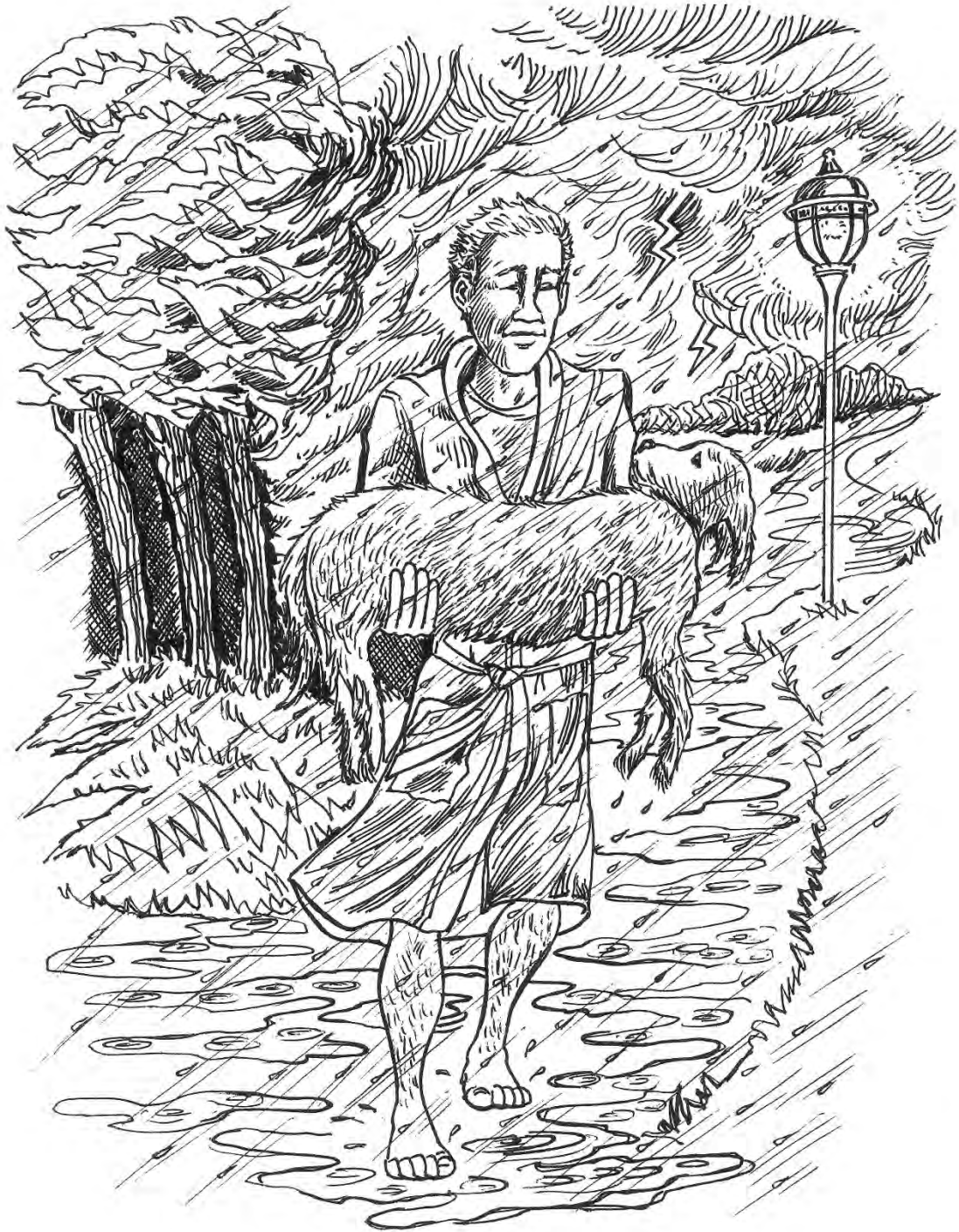




Me giving Jennifer 3 hard swats because she knocked Josiah off the bed. The first swat was for her edification, the other two were for me to release my anger. I never did that again.



Our dog made a mess in our garage which resulted in me almost burning down the house while trying to clean it up. "It was Molly's fault."



Me picking Molly up at the end of the cul-de-sac. She had been lost for 4 hours.

#### 4. Who is Your Neighbor?



Me complaining about Jenn, my distant relative, cheating at cards during our family functions.



## 5. I've got Your Back



I threatened and threw a 14 year old and his bike to the ground for picking on my nephews. I was 29. Not my proudest moment.

## 6. Differences are what Make the World go Round



My nephew's lost dog could have been anywhere within a 10 mile radius. It only took me 5 minutes to find him.



Me enjoying the spotlight for finding the dog. My nephew knew there would be no living with me.





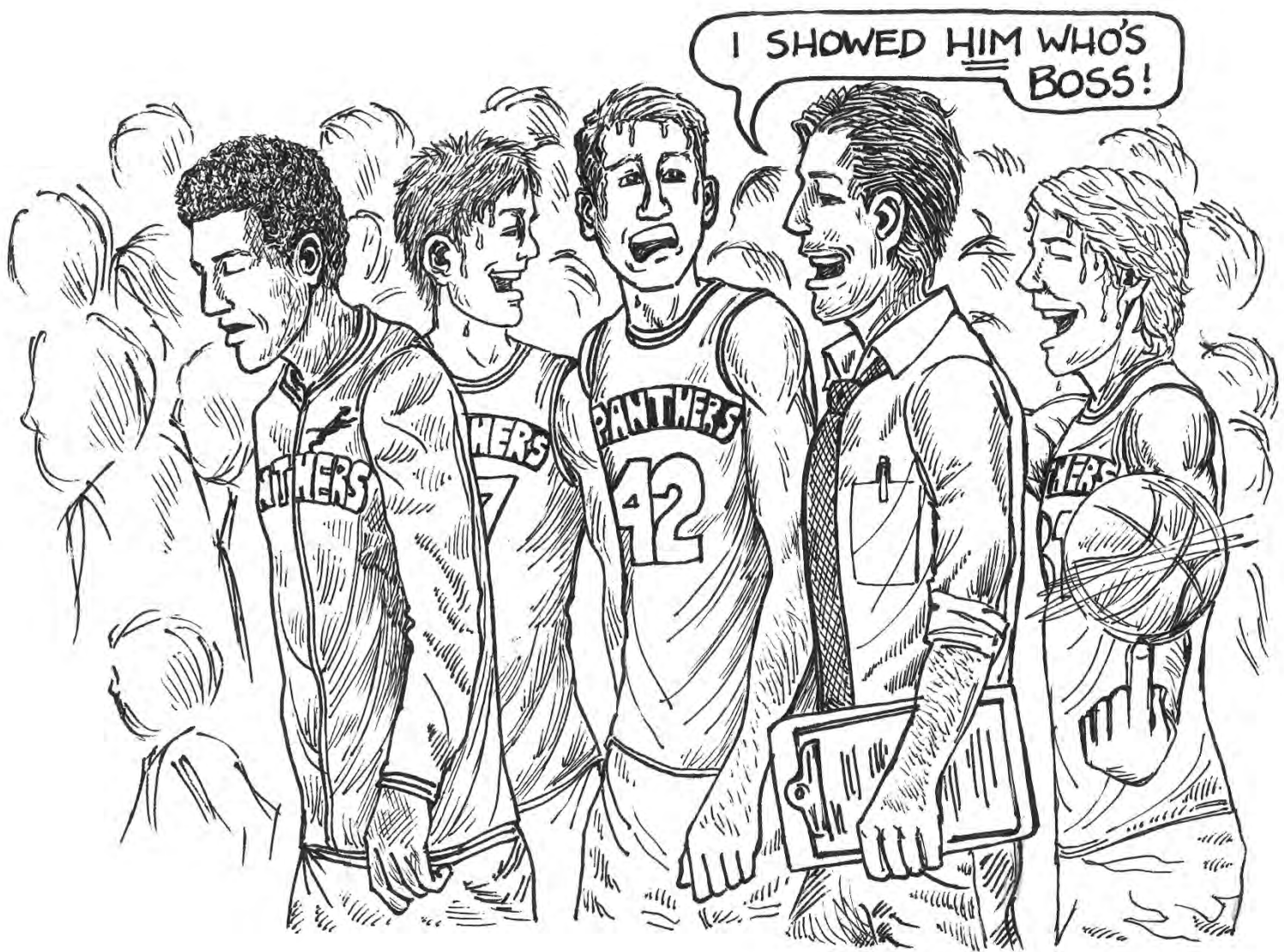
I found Stan Butler at the CPA awards banquet. He was not happy to see that I had passed, since I only put in a minimal amount of studying.

## 7. A Christian and a Muslim Meet at the Airport



My son and I trying to catch up with our soccer team that was on their way to England. A proud Christian needing assistance from a proud Muslim.

## 8. Jerseyville, Where a Lot of White People Live



My first experience with racism. It was ugly.



## PART II BUSINESS

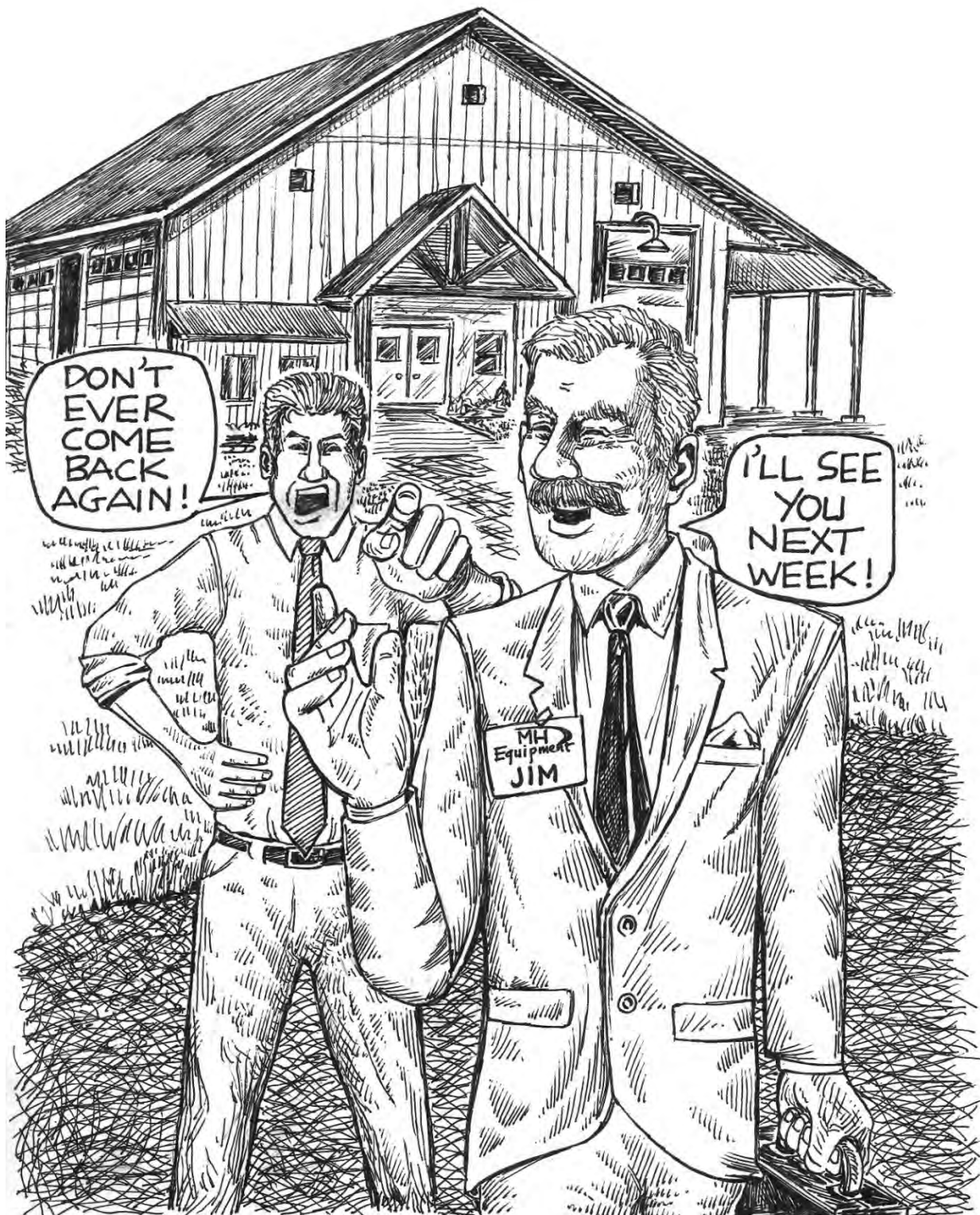
### **9. A Safe Place**

## 10. My Very Own Arch Nemesis



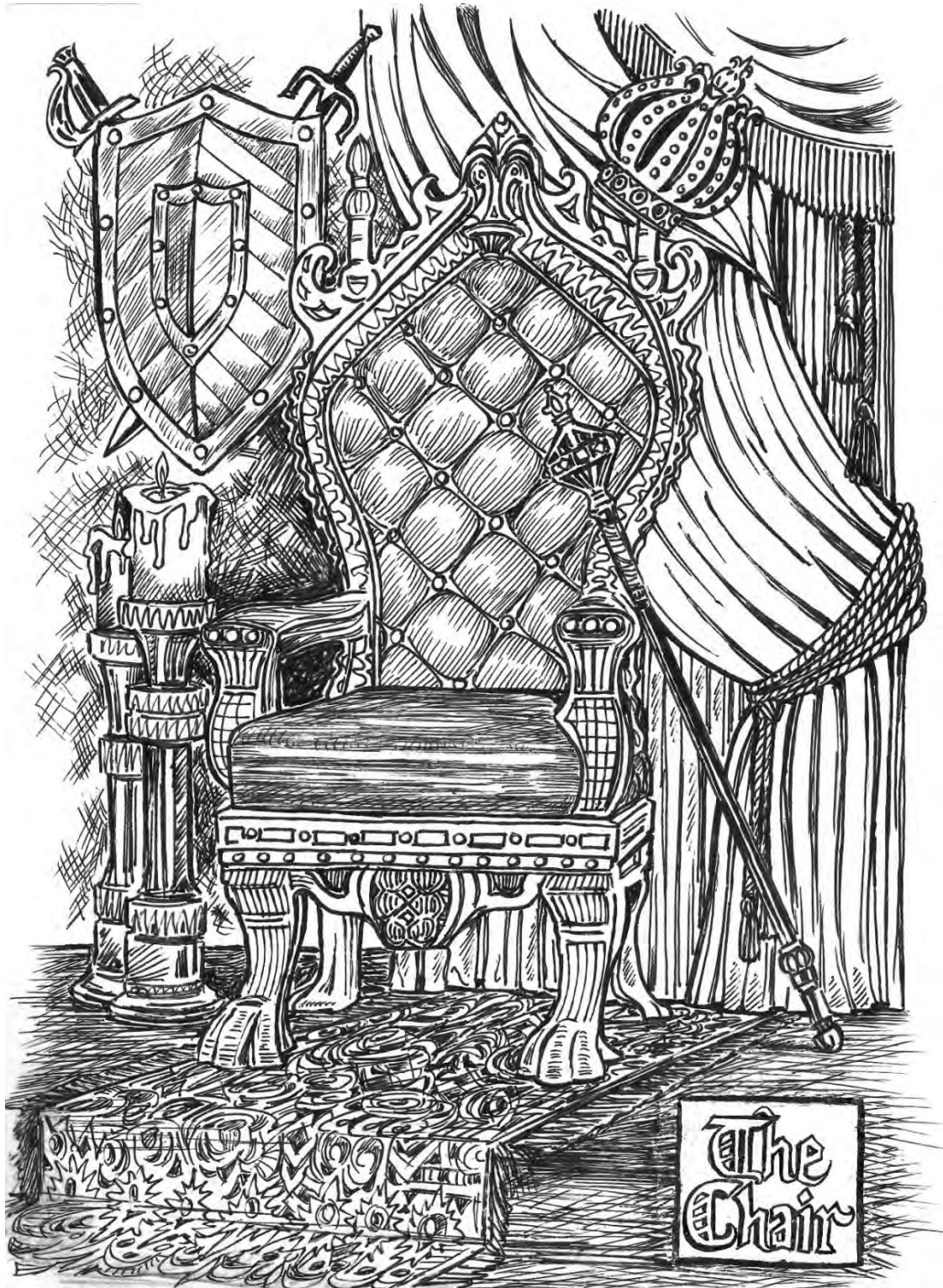
I'm in general parking with everyone else, while Archibald shows off his Rolls Royce.

## 11. Welcome to MH Equipment



Salesperson, Jim, being told to never come back, due to his relentless behavior. He would never take "NO" for an answer.

## 12. Leading Leaders



Your power and authority begins and ends with the chair you sit in.





**Lesson** - Don't loose great employees because you are greedy.



**Lesson** - you need to have the freedom to fight and still enjoy each other.



### 13.Values and Culture are the Secret Sauce



The consultant asking if I was "all in" on the strategic plan.



Employees enjoying and growing in their relationships through the Family Life Marriage Conference. (Company paid)



My son Josiah putting me in my place after acting overly pious.



The day we decided to start His First Foundation. We chose to commit 10% of all profits to making our communities better.





The Bowling Green branch building house ramps for a young boy who was paralyzed in a car accident.

## 14. Interesting People

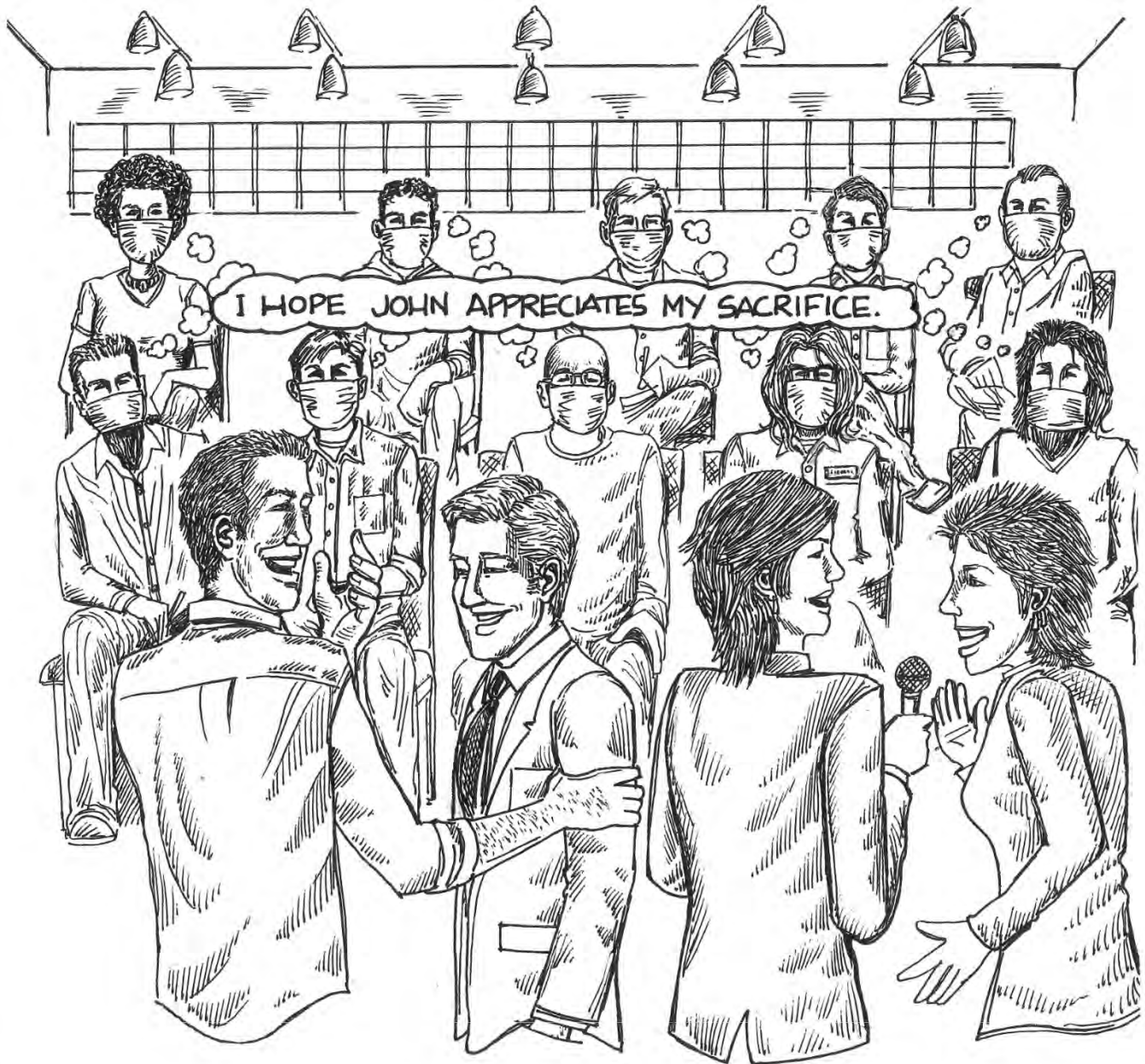


Two people, different lifestyles, biases aside, enjoying a conversation.



## 15. Count the Cost?

## 16. Know All the Facts



I complained about the branch wearing masks in a big warehouse until I learned why they did it.

## 17. Money



Counseling a young couple with significant credit card debt.

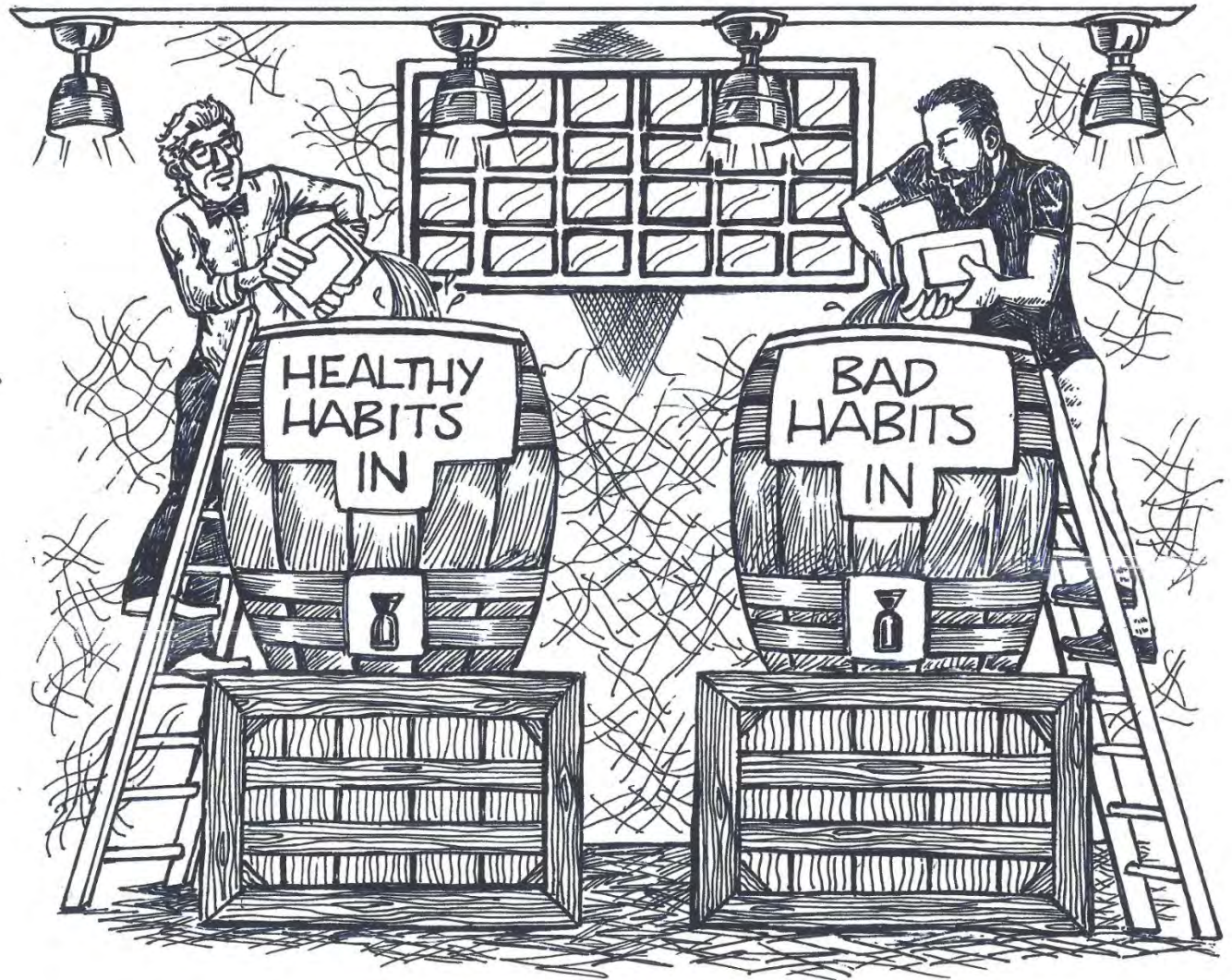
## 18. Never Die an Idiot



Staying at a drug infested, rent-by-the-hour hotel, just to save \$20. From that day forward, my goal was not to die an idiot.



## 19. You Can Only Give What You Got



We all make deposits on our mental, emotional, physical, spiritual, and relational health.





What goes in, will come out.

## PART III FAITH

### 20. A Mature Christian Versus a Drunk Teenager



I felt like a complete phony at my 20 year high school reunion.

## 21. In the Hands of the Miracle Man



My daughter Jennifer, giving me a verbal smack down on the way to school.

## 22. Lasting Contentment



Josiah and I wrestling. Secretly, he was keeping score.



## 23. So, You Want to Take Jesus to the Office



Stealing from your company can take various forms. What I did that night hindered my ability to share Jesus with others.

## 24. Lessons Learned from a Bone Marrow Transplant



Okay - maybe I won't be on Jeopardy!

## 25. The Most Baffling of All