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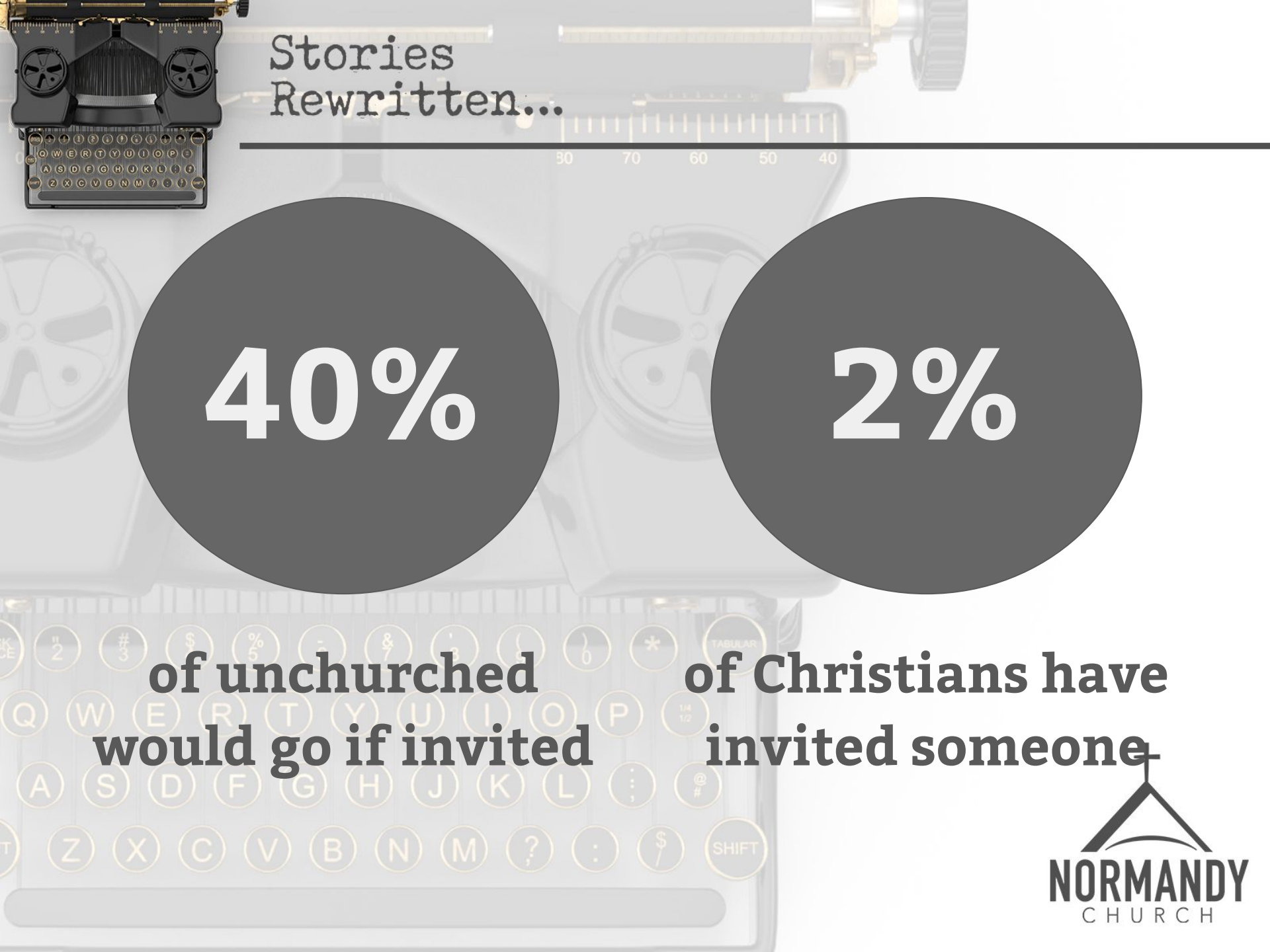




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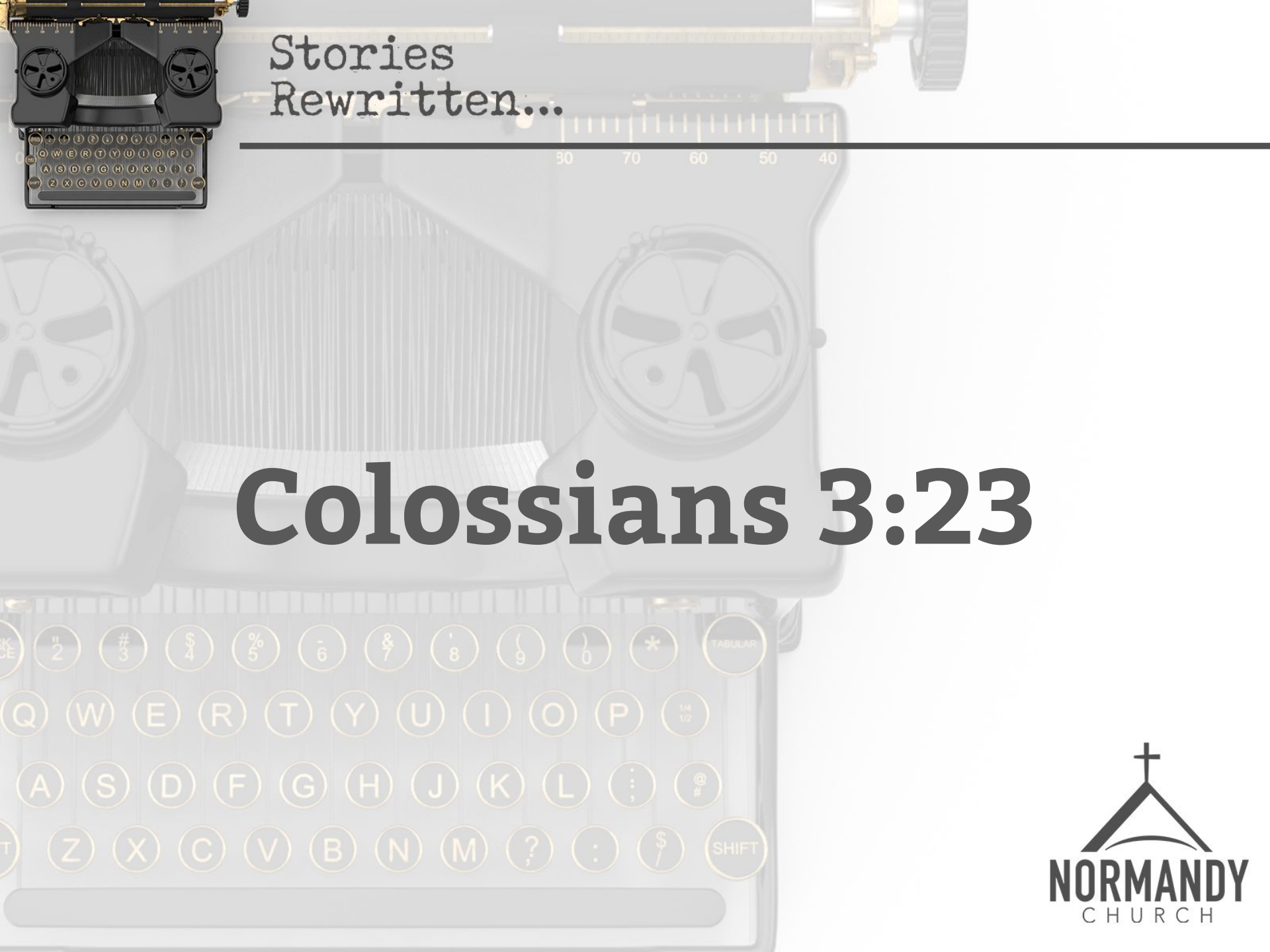
**Being part of the church
prepares us to accomplish the
mission that God gives us
corporately and individually**






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**One of the keys to
accomplishing that mission is
to live a life of excellence**



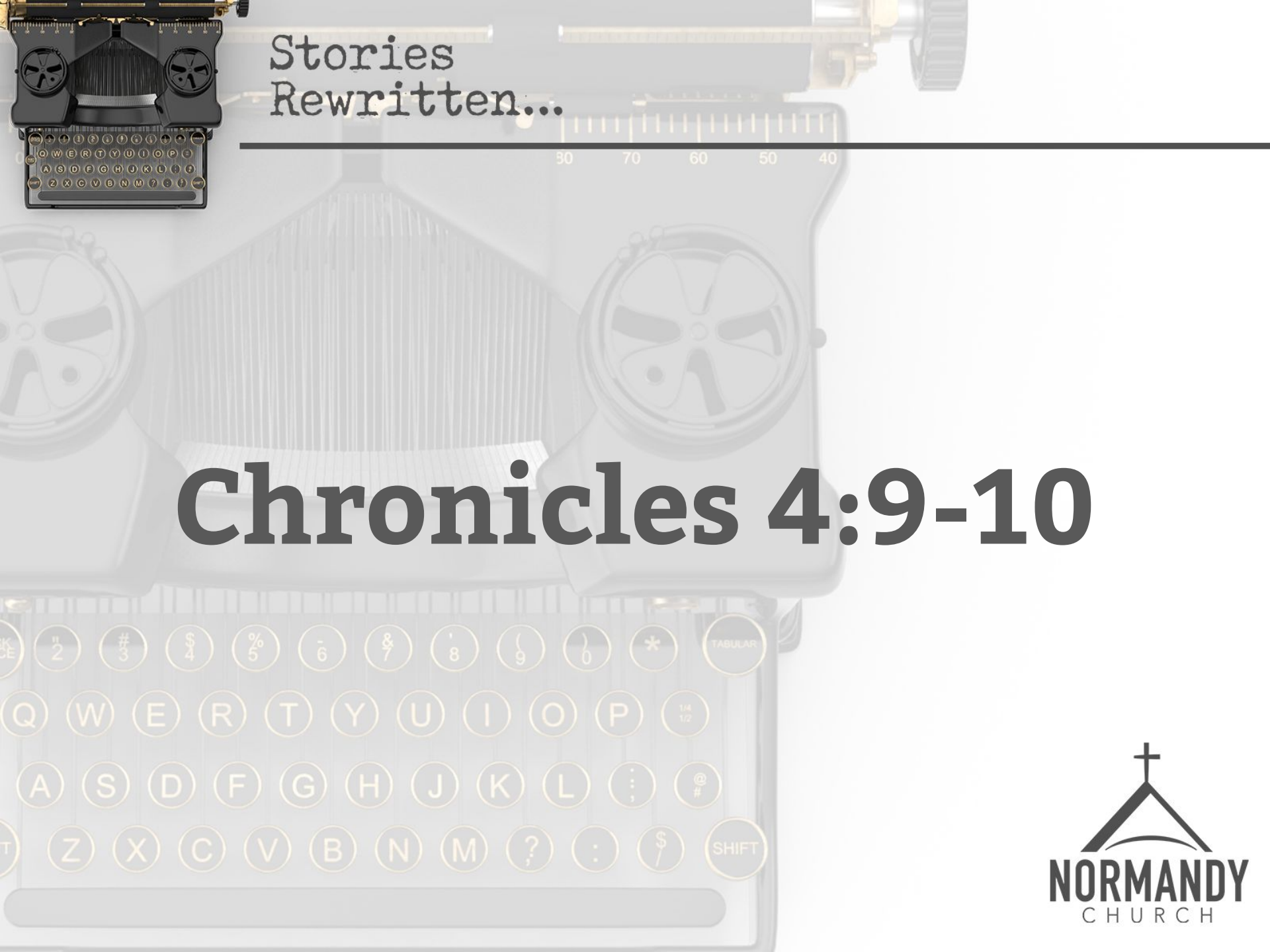
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Colossians 3:23



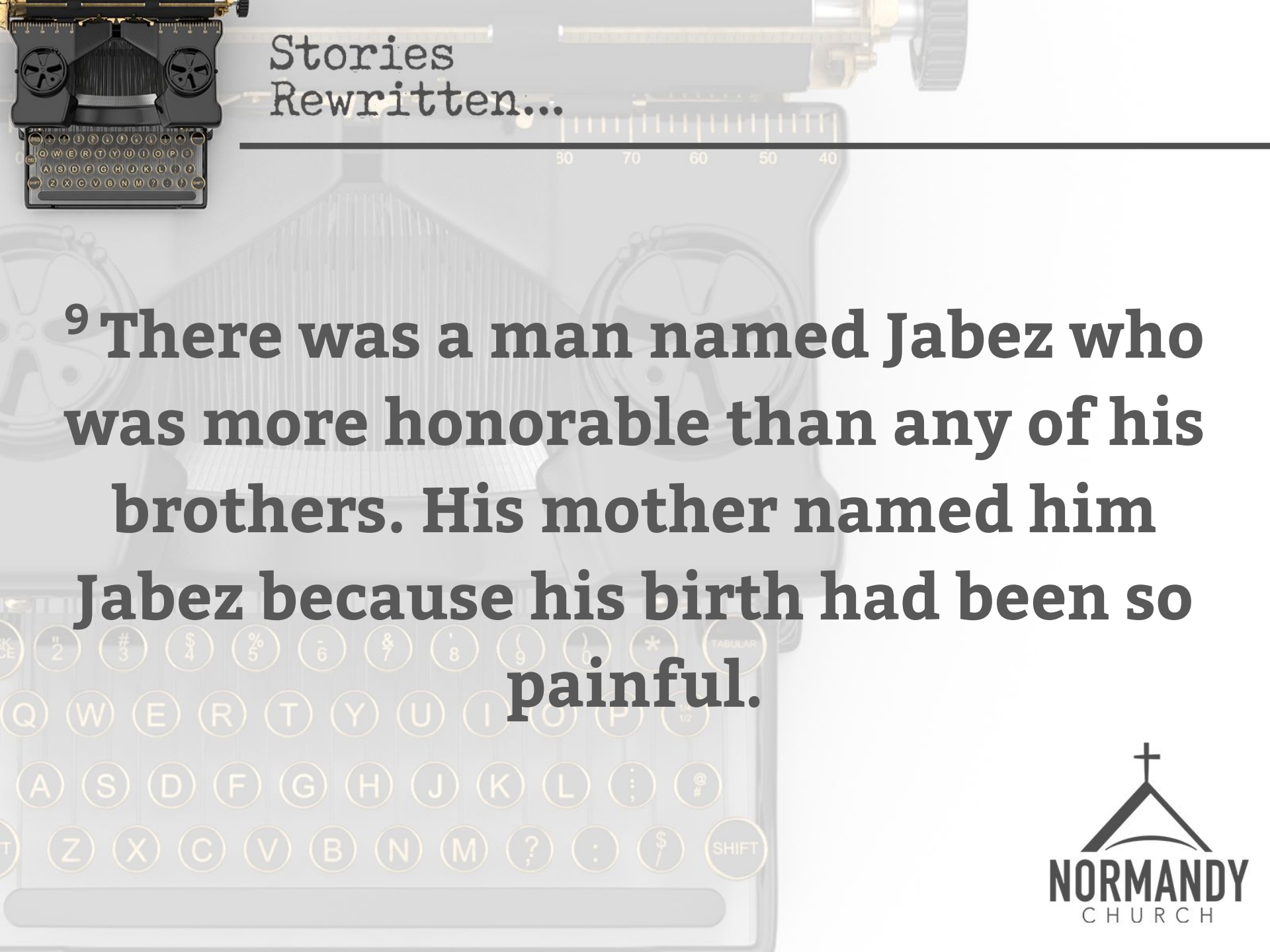
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**God never meant for us to live
a mediocre, average life**



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Chronicles 4:9-10



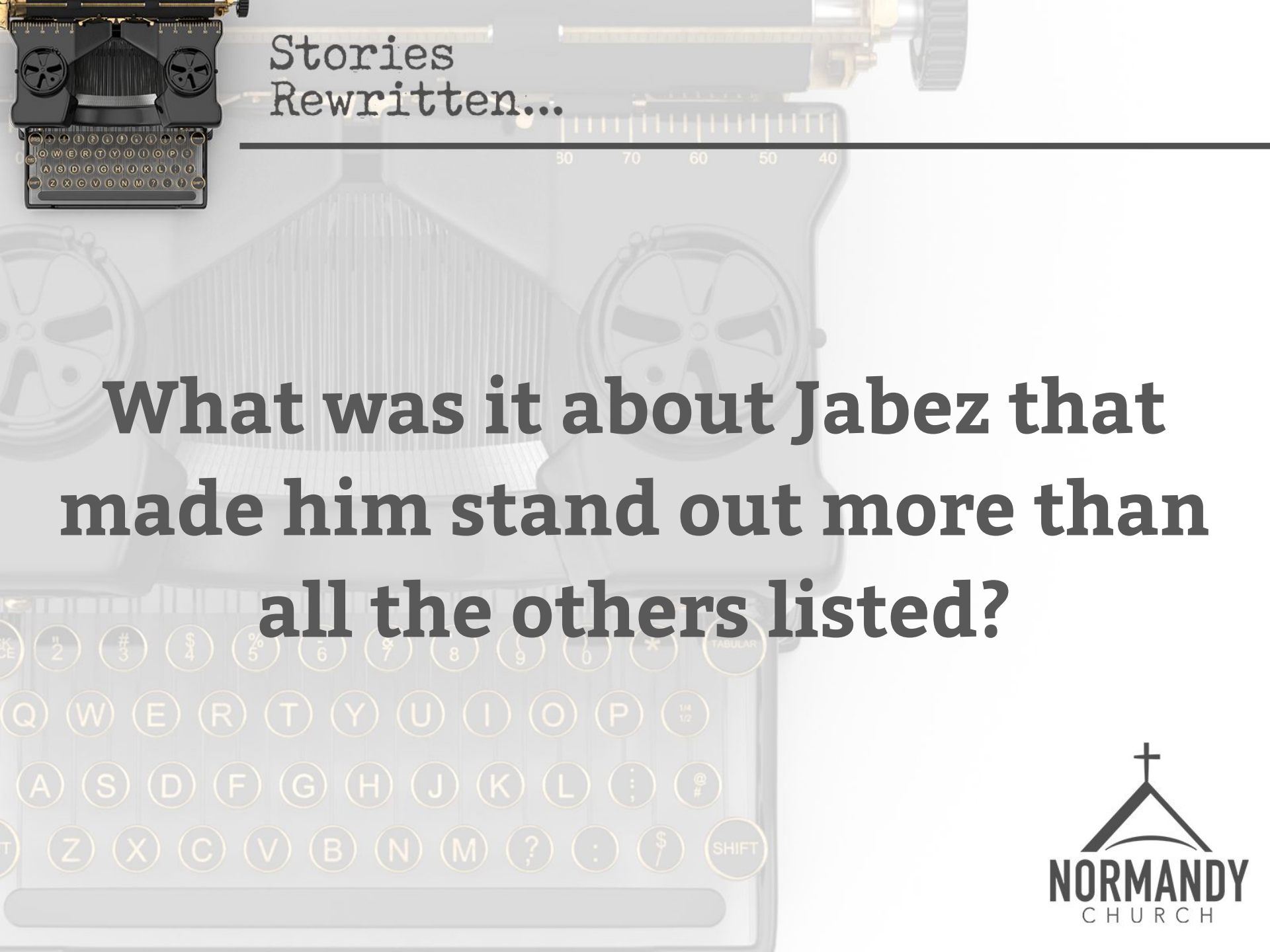
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⁹ There was a man named Jabez who was more honorable than any of his brothers. His mother named him Jabez because his birth had been so painful.



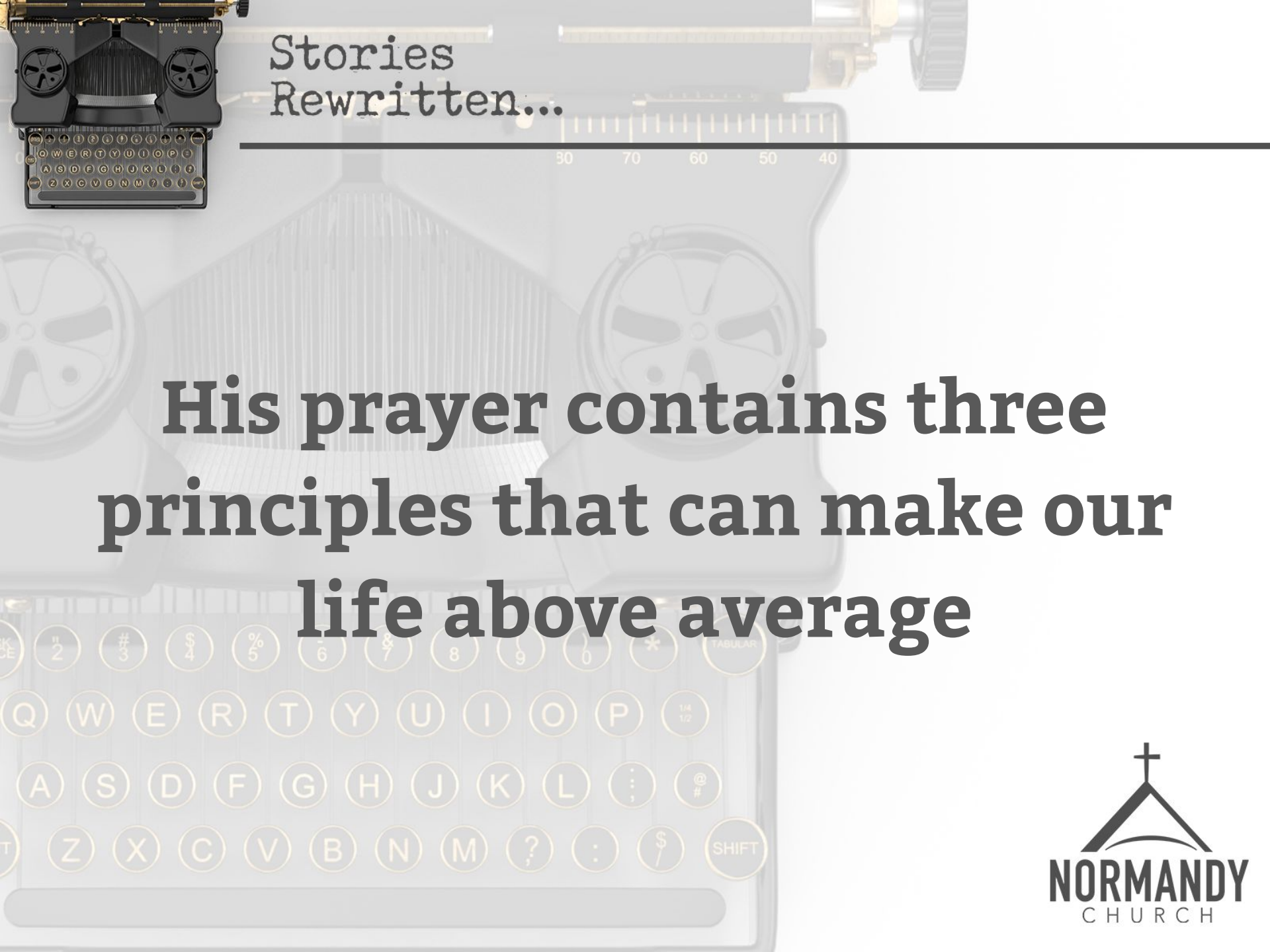
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10 He was the one who prayed to the God of Israel, “Oh, that you would bless me and expand my territory! Please be with me in all that I do, and keep me from all trouble and pain!” And God granted him his request.




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**What was it about Jabez that
made him stand out more than
all the others listed?**




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**His prayer contains three
principles that can make our
life above average**




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**The first principle of living
above average is that we need
a great ambition. We need a
dream**




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**When we stop dreaming,
we start dying**




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God made us for growth




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**The second principle for rising
above a mediocre life is that
we need to a growing faith**




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Jabez's faith caused him to believe that God would help him with his goals and his dreams.




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**Did you notice what
Jabez's name meant?
“Painful”**



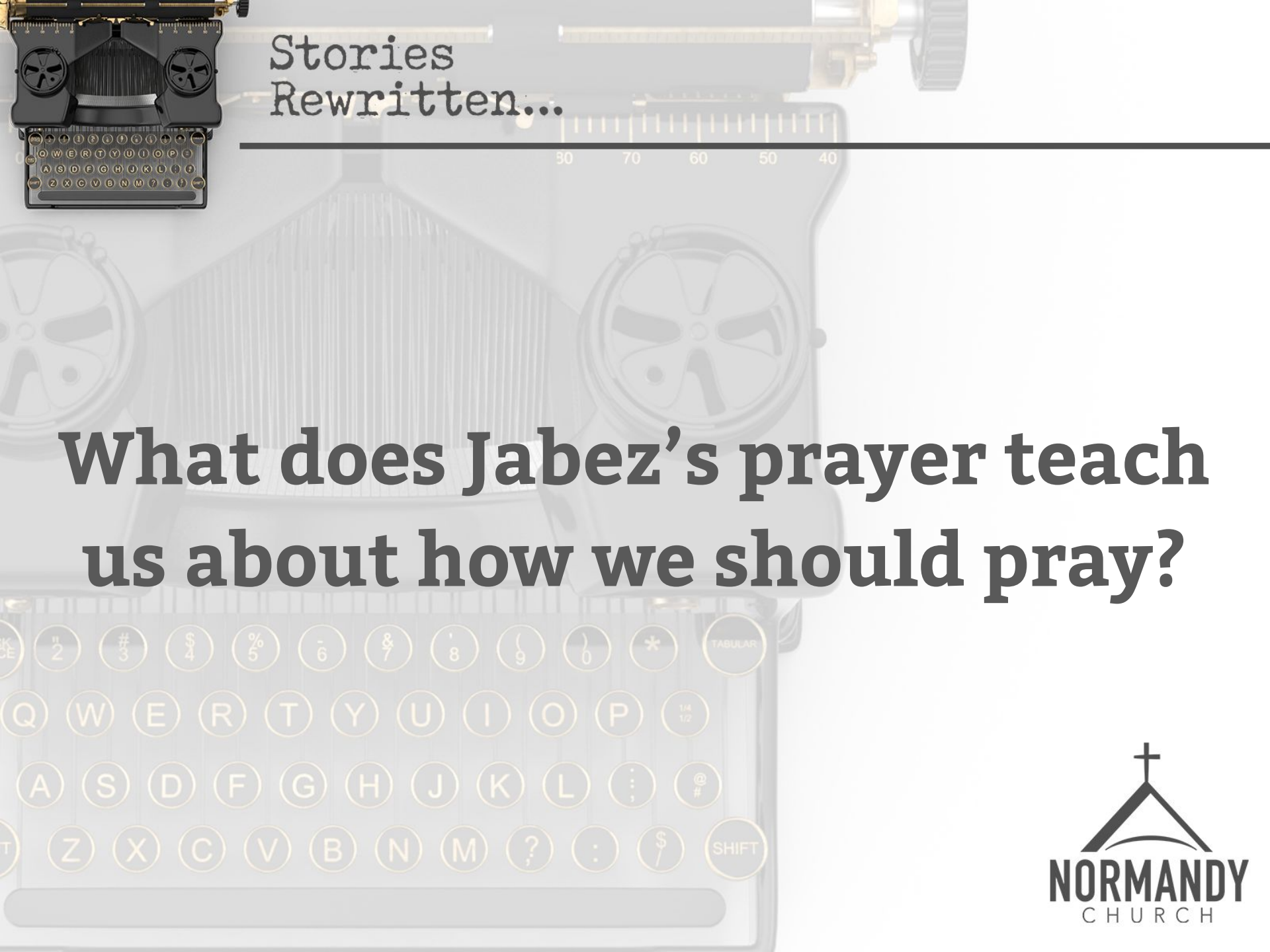
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Mark 9:23




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**The third secret to Jabez's life
was his prayer life.**



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**What does Jabez's prayer teach
us about how we should pray?**



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**Jabez prayed for was for God's
power in his life**



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Many of us don't reach our full potentials as human beings or as Christians, because we don't want to allow God to have power in our life.





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**Genuine prayer life helps us
plug into God's power**



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**Genuine prayer shows our
willingness to yield to his will
and ask God to work in our
lives**






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**Jabez prayed for was God's
presence in his life**



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**Jabez prayed for what was God's
protection over his life**



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Romans 8:38-39