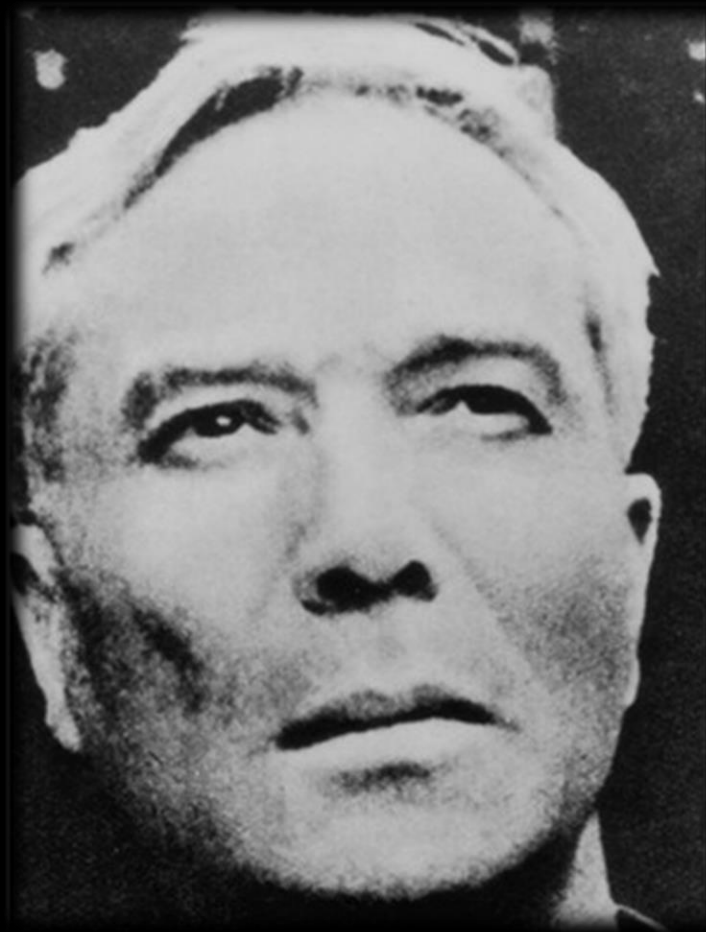




Experiencing Surprises



Surprise is the greatest gift which
life can grant us.

— *Boris Pasternak* —

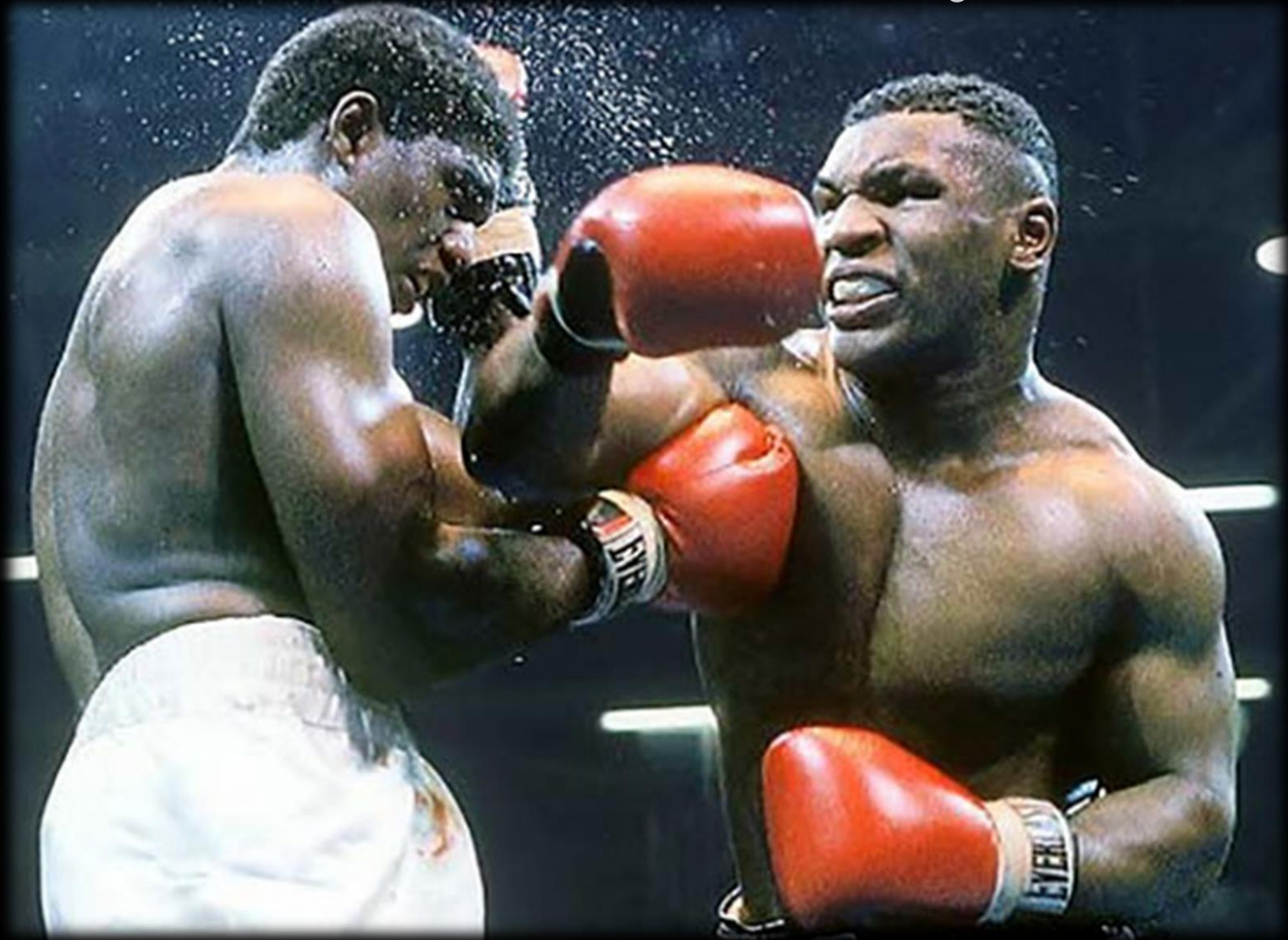
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Life is a series of surprises and
would not be worth taking or
keeping if it were not.

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

James Tillis – The man who almost beat **Mike Tyson**





Former heavy-
weight boxer
**James (Quick)
Tillis:**

**‘I’m going to
conquer Chicago.’**

**“When I
looked down,
my suitcases
were gone.”**

Surprises! Surprises!

- Life does not always work out how we imagine it to be!
- Often we are surprised, and the surprises are not always pleasant.
- But with God, even our disappointments, our trials, our difficulties, can be opportunities for him to work, for us to grow & for others to be blessed!



1. Don't Give-up, **Look up**

- Bird – Frozen – dung - Cat
- The morals of the story are:
 - Not everyone who drops manure on you is your enemy.
 - Not everyone who digs you out of a pile of manure is your friend.
 - When you're in the manure, keep your mouth shut!

1. Don't Give-up, **Look up**

- 1 Peter 3:12a: "The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous"
- God is aware of your situation, so don't handle it by yourself!
 - It is good to know that, no matter how difficult the trials or how disappointing the news,
 - God is still on the throne and has everything is under control.
 - We may not always understand His ways,
 - But we know His sovereign will is best.

2. Don't Give-up, **Keep Praying**

- Acts 12:5 “But the church was earnestly praying to God for him.”
- “**Prayer**” is the turning point in the story.

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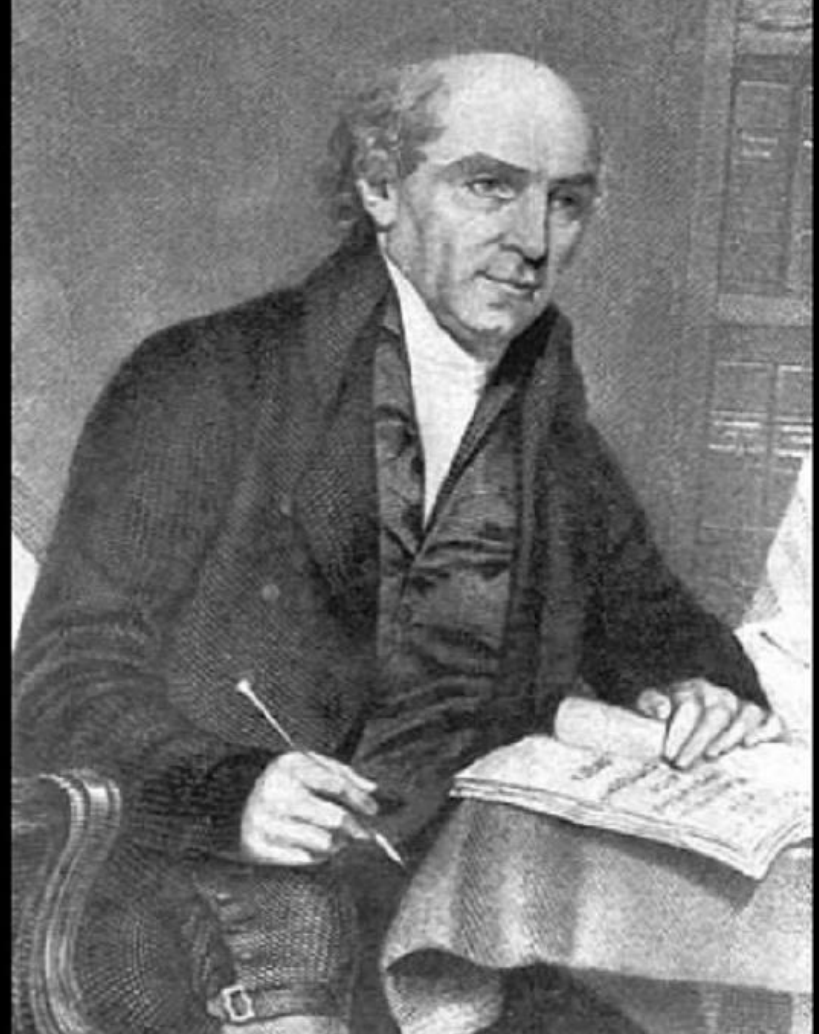
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**Behind every great work of God
is a praying person”**

WILLIAM CAREY

**BORN: AUGUST 17, 1761,
UNITED KINGDOM
DIED: JUNE 9, 1834,
SERAMPORE, INDIA**



CONCLUSION:

1. Don't Give-up, **Look up**

2. Don't Give-up, **Keep
Praying**