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- What I do well.
- What others think I do well.
- What I have opportunity to do.
- What I enjoy doing.

#### **2. Contain life-changing convictions.**

Things worth dying for ...

- |                |                      |
|----------------|----------------------|
| (a) My faith   | (b) My family        |
| (c) My freedom | (d) My close friends |

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