

Connections

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Impressions received while listening to the Lord in prayer

How large is your knowledge? Of the situation? Of the heart intent of others? Of their present inner state? Of all that they are facing? You know in part. It is wiser to confess ignorance than to assert knowledge.

To fulfill My command to love others as I have loved you is to value them according to what you may know as well as what you do not know about them. I am with you to give you ability to love others according to the need of the moment; I know how they need to be loved and valued. I will prompt you to love according to My knowledge.

How complete is your understanding? How well do you see things from the point of view of others? Can you hear and speak from their point of view? I see what you don't see. Look to Me, and I will help you to understand others from their point of view.

How full is your compassion? To what extent do you identify with the weakness, the pain, the loss, or the need of others? Look to me, and I will enlarge your heart to feel what they feel—to respond to them as I would.

How sincerely do you honor? The measure of your sincerity is the degree of your humility. Honor others above yourself; in that choice, and in that moment, the character of My Son will flow through you. Honor not only from what you see, but how My Son prompts you to honor as He does.

Knowledge puffs up through pride, but love builds up through humility. As you seek to relate as I would have you, I will lead you to the knowledge you need to love as I love.

(Confirming scriptures: Ex 34:6; Prov 1:7; Ecc 3:7; Jer 9:23; John 15:12; I Cor 8:1; I Cor 13:9; Phlp 2:3-5; Jas 1:19)

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Family – Heidi (wife of 9 years), Jacob (age 8), Daniel (age 6), Joshua (age 3). I love to be with my family whenever I can.

Favorite Saying – “God is working while you are sleeping,” has brought much peace to me over the past months.

Community Involvement – I have been a lacrosse coach at Calvert High since 1992 (varsity since '96). I enjoy building teams and investing in the young men. I often send texts to stay in touch with former players.

Favorite Gift – A bright yellow Puch bike that I rode on dirt piles and all over our developing neighborhood.

Always in my ‘frig – Hazelnut coffee for the morning. Having an ice cream sandwich on hand in the freezer is a good thing.

Vocation – I serve as President of Kelly Marketing Services within Kelly & Associates Insurance Group (a family business operated by Bryan and his three brothers).

Meaningful Bible verse – Colossians 3:17, 23 changed my life while I was in college at North Carolina. I grew up as a people pleaser.

Of TTWM – We originally connected with TTWM over how to best honor and glorify God in the marketplace. TTWM has also helped us brothers relate better in business and to value ourselves and each other in greater ways.

I would most like to have lunch with - My dad’s father whom I never met.



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Reflections of our theme ~ by Barry Stoner

Recently, while in prayer, I pictured a canoe filled with people being carried along by a fast moving river. The water was flying as they navigated through rapid after rapid. Voices were loud and I could tell that the people weren’t afraid, but rather exhilarated. Turbulence provides an opportunity for incredible adventure and joy or for great fear and despair. A great deal depends on the location of our confidence.

“One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple. For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock.” Psalm 27:4-5

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