

Ways to Get the Point Across

Hello Everyone!

In case you do not know it by now, I am the Harpeth River District Communications Coordinator. What a title! And, one that I thoroughly enjoy! You see, I have experience with communications. 1 - I was a disc jockey in high school. 2 - My mother claims that I never meet a stranger. 3 - I love to talk! Laryngitis and I just do not get along at all!!

I believe we are always learning ways to communicate, or to sharpen our skills, if you will. Just think - we began life communicating through eye contact, touch and crying ... well ... maybe screaming at times. Our baby talk eventually changes into meaningful words. Some communicate through sign language and others by raised dots. Some find they have to yell ... yet some just whisper. There is a world of art that can speak volumes to some. And what about a smile? So powerful and contagious, yet so simple.

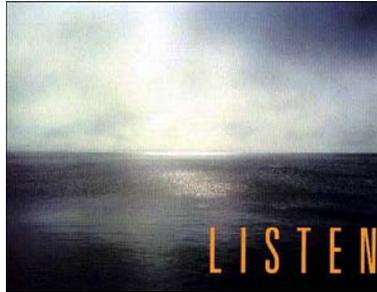
All of these examples are basically people oriented. So, I have a question for you. How do you communicate to God? When we read the Bible - He is communicating to us, right? When we pray - we are communicating with Him, right? Have you ever thought about **writing** to God?

Several years ago, I participated in a bible study. The pastor challenged us to rewrite the Lord's Prayer as a letter. So, I am passing this challenge on to you. I'll post my letter later this month after you have had a little time to work on yours.

Until then, I'll leave you with something I wrote about listening.

With blessings,
Janet Pierce :)

Listen for Silence



*I long for peace within my soul
for tranquil moments to cherish
to be consumed with your presence.*

*I long to experience the gift of silence
to absorb all that you can teach me
to hear your words of wisdom
to feel your presence and your love
to receive your mercy and your grace.*

*If I learn to be silent,
I will be able to listen,
for silence.*

*For in my moments of silence
I will be able to absorb, to hear, to feel and to receive.*

For I have found peace.

Silent. Listen. Silence. Peace.

Then, about 3 weeks later:

Hi Everyone!

I hope you have had a chance to rewrite the Lord's Prayer, which allowed you a different way to communicate with God. Did you find this challenging? Easy to do? Or a little bit hard to do? Remember, there is no right or wrong way to do this, as long as it comes from the heart.

If you want to share your letter with others, just email it to me and I'll make it happen. Who knows? It might touch someone in a special way just when they needed it the most.

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The Lord's Prayer – rewritten

My Blessed Saviour,

I write to you today with a heavy heart.

Help me to fulfill your plan for me, so that by your grace, I may receive everlasting life. I ask for your blessings of grace to nurture my soul.

When I fail thee, I pray for thy loving hand to guide me toward thee. When others hurt me, may I receive the strength to turn my cheek and to hold my tongue.

Help me to remain focused on your ways and your love. I need help to be a witness for you – to show others that you are truly the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

I praise thee for thy endless blessings.

Your faithful and humble servant,

Janet

Silence is golden -- especially when we are actually listening for God to speak to us.

