



clarifying your contribution



The Curse of our Age

“Superficiality is the curse of our age. The doctrine of instant satisfaction is a primary spiritual problem. The desperate need today is not for a greater number of intelligent people, or gifted people, but for deep people.”

Richard Foster

Celebration of Discipline, p. 1



Apex is about...

Organizing our inner life so we can
reorganize our outward life!



Purpose of this time...

To discover a little more of how God is shaping us to make a greater contribution at home, at work and in the community.



Parable of the Talents

- **Its about the stewardship of life**
- **Stewardship is the key to hearing the “Well Done!”**
- **We are not to bury our unique life experiences but invest them**
- **How?**



Discovery Principle

- **You do not get to clarity alone!**
- **We learn together... access the resources in each other.**
- **Articulation results in greater focus**





Your Major Role is Your Authentic Swing!



**Authenticity Happens When
We Bring the Being and
Doing Together!**



BEING

**Interior life...
who you are...
your character...**

**spiritual formation, trust, purpose,
dependency, intimacy...
union with Christ, holiness**



DOING

**Exterior life...
What you do...
Your obedience...**

**serving, leading, contributing,
vision, impact...
Kingdom expansion, legacy**



CONVERGENCE

The intersection of
who you are (**character**)
and what you do (**skills**)



CONVERGENCE

**Bringing all of who you
are to everything that you
do!**



Steps

- 1. Review your life journey**
- 2. Identify your turning points**
- 3. Discover your “entrustments”**



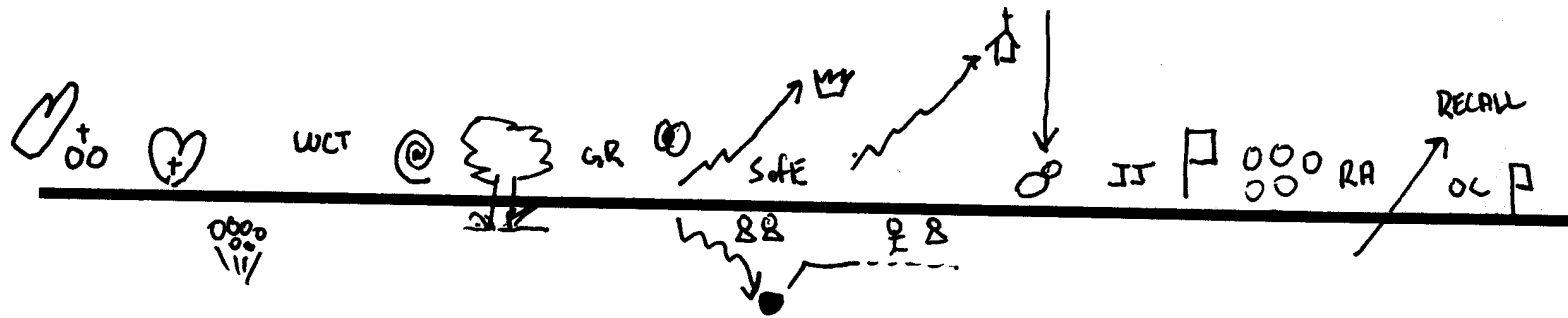
How has God shaped you?

First Look: *Symbol Timeline*

- Major Events
 - Be Creative
 - Highlights
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- ***TELL THE STORY OF YOUR LIFE IN SYMBOLS/ PICTURES***



Symbol Timeline



Symbol Timeline

- **First Look**
- **Highlights**
- **Major Events (Every day above – Painful below)**
- **Graph your sense of God's nearness**
- **Be Creative**



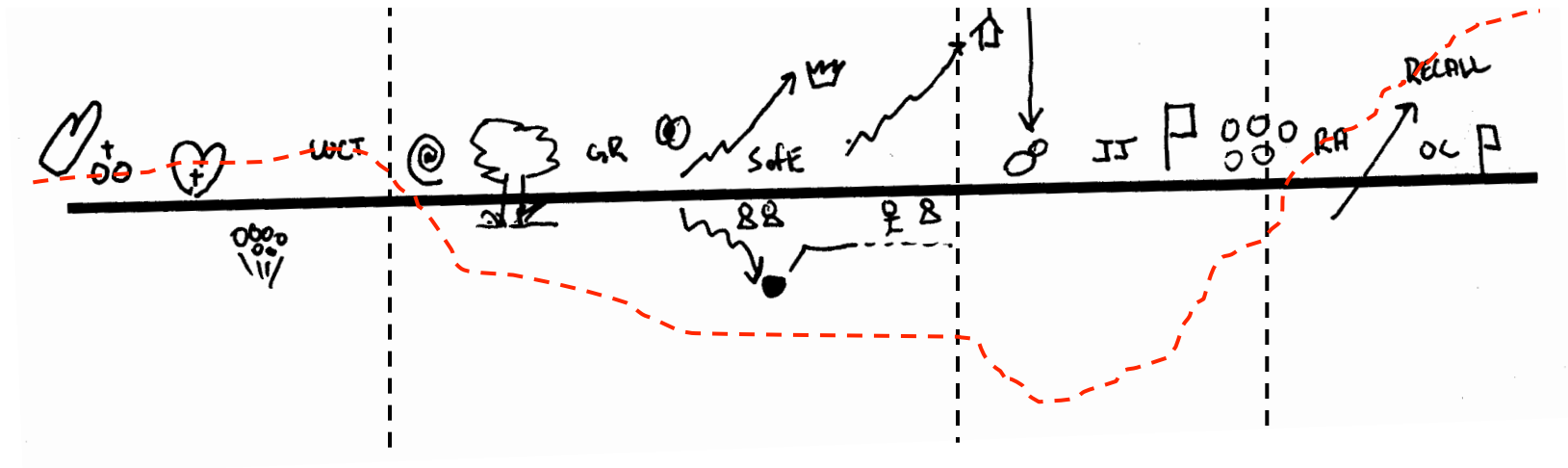
Symbol Time-line

The Sheltered Years

The Driven Years

Biting the Dirt

Learning to Live



Symbol Timeline

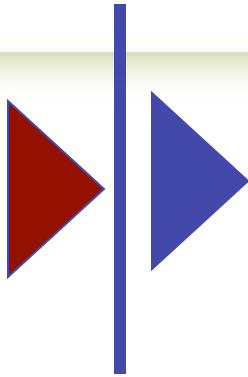
Sharing in Pairs

- **10 min to share**
- **2 min feedback {themes, threads, lessons, affirmation}**



TURNING POINTS

A point in time when the direction of your life changes, for positive or negative.



TURNING POINTS

- something happens...
- someone intervenes
- decision is made
- patterns not continued
- milestones occur
- defining events



An Example:

LIFE of JOSEPH List his Turning Points.

- hurt by others...
- left to obscurity
- dreams=major turning point
- life of influence
- Sec. of State

TURNING POINTS

Genesis 50:18-20



TURNINGPOINTS

1. “Early Errors” I am fundamentally flawed – I am broken.

2. Anxiety/Depression Sustaining relationships and persevering long term is difficult

3. Lead Pastor (Parksville / Newton) I lead well with authenticity and transparency

4. Kathy and I Crash Facing me... worth is found in God’s grace, not performance. It’s never too late to change. God redeems the “years the locusts have taken”

5. Outreach Canada Violated and abandoned. Forgiveness is paying the price and counting the cost

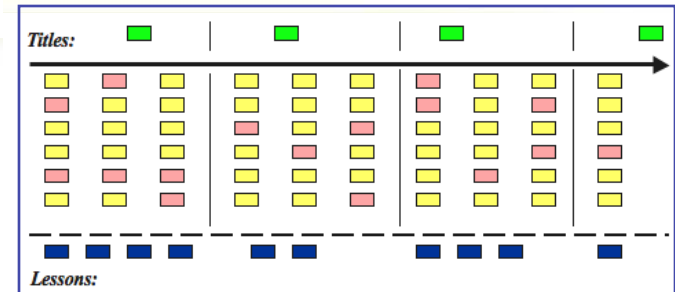
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7. CRM/Paul/Terry/NW Team Leading from brokenness not just competency.



TURNING POINTS

The Time-line



STEP ONE: Look back (time-line) and brainstorm all potential turning points

STEP TWO: Select up to EIGHT of the most significant Turning Points



TURNING POINTS

“A point in when the direction of your life changes, for positive or negative.”

Share Turning Points... in 3s

**Help each other determine the lessons...
15 minutes each**



Turning points produce
ENTRUSTMENTS...deposits...

**Turning
Points**

- *Into Who You are...being.*
- *Into What He has for You to do...doing.*

WHAT I CAN GIVE TO OTHERS!



TURNINGPOINTS

1. “Early Errors” I am fundamentally flawed – I am broken. The beginning of humility?

2. Anxiety/Depression Sustaining relationships and persevering long term is difficult. The beginning of dependence?

3. Lead Pastor (Parksville / Newton I lead well with authenticity and transparency. I can shepherd?

4. Kathy and I Crash Facing me... worth is found in God’s grace, not performance. It’s never too late to change. God redeems the “years the locusts have taken” Developmental DNA?

5. Outreach Canada Violated and abandoned. Forgiveness is paying the price and counting the cost . Forgiveness and grace not just justice?

6. Sister Ellen Learning to be loved by God and experience Him in scripture and life. Listening to God?

7. CRM/Paul/Terry/NW Team Leading from brokenness not just competency.



Entrustments

- ***STEP ONE:***
Identify Your Entrustments
- ***STEP TWO***
- **Share in your triad what you believe he has given you to use in ministry – home, office, church...**



Leadership is Influence

Influence



Spiritual Authority



Character



***Crisis
(Wounding)***



Influence Continuum

Influence



Spiritual Authority



Character



***Crisis
(Wounding)***



A silhouette of a golfer in mid-swing, captured against a vibrant sunset sky. The golfer is on the left side of the frame, with their arms raised and the golf club extended. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a bright orange and yellow near the horizon, where the sun is setting. The foreground is dark, showing the silhouette of the golfer and some grass.

**Be Who
God Made You
to Be!
Be Yourself!**



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