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CEO, Equipping Ministries  
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## *Dedication*

**T**his book is dedicated to Christ-followers all over the world who long to see the quality and quantity of their spiritual conversations increase in natural and doable ways.

It is also dedicated to leaders who long to see God's people leave the church on Sunday to be the church from Monday through Saturday. It's my desire that these tangible expressions of how to live outwardly focused lives in an inwardly focused world will help you create churches without walls, raising up people who are not only giving to missions, but are also given to mission.

## CHAPTER 2

Spiritual  
Conversation-Killers

In April 2003, National Public Radio aired a story about a standoff in Najaf, Iraq, between an angry mob of Shiites and a heavily armored patrol from the American 101st Airborne Division. Fearing that the soldiers were preparing to desecrate their holy shrine, hundreds of unarmed civilians pressed in toward the soldiers, waving their hands and shouting defiantly. Although the patrol's intentions were peaceful, the standoff would probably have been disastrous if not for the quick thinking of U.S. Lieutenant Colonel Christopher Hughes.

Hughes, who was in command that day, picked up a loudspeaker and barked out three simple commands to his troops. First, he told them to “take a knee”; second, to point their weapons toward the ground; and finally, to look up and give everyone in the hostile crowd a friendly smile. Astoundingly, in a few moments after they obeyed his order, the troops saw the demeanor of the crowd change. Hostility and defiance melted away, as smiles and friendly pats on the back replaced shaking fists and screaming voices.

Though it may not be immediately apparent, this story has important implications for spiritual conversations in a world that is becoming increasingly hostile to the traditional kinds of conversations Christians attempt to have. As author Ravi Zacharias says, “We must learn to find the back door to people’s hearts because the front door is heavily guarded.” Much like the Shiites that Lieutenant Colonel Hughes dealt with, many people we hope to reach for Jesus react defensively. They anticipate, and are amply prepared for, any direct attack on the holy places and sacred shrines of their hearts.

Our message rarely gets through because what they hear is “My worldview is better than your worldview, so let me tell you why I’m right and you’re wrong.” Instead of opening hearts to Jesus, many times we merely perpetuate the “us versus them” standoff. So how do we keep from becoming entangled in these no-win, never-ending quagmires?

a  
**SCRIPTURE**  
 to meditate  
 on

*The Message* version of Colossians 4:5-6 puts the answer this way: “Use your heads as you live and work among outsiders. Don’t miss a trick. Make the most of every opportunity. Be gracious in your speech. The goal is to bring out the best in others in a conversation, not put them down, not cut them out.”

The first sentence of this passage perfectly describes Lt. Col. Hughes’ approach that day in Najaf. He was *wise* in the way he related to people whose feelings and beliefs were so different from his. We must be equally wise if we want the quality and quantity of our spiritual conversations to increase. If you truly believe, as I do, that real wisdom comes from God, I encourage you to pause and invite the Holy Spirit to grant you this kind of wisdom as you read this book.

a  
**PRAYER**  
 to offer

“God, open my eyes to the ways I may be hindering opportunities for spiritual conversations in my daily life.”

I’ve found that God usually wants to do something *in* us before he can do something *through* us. He wants us to be transformed into the very message we are trying to share with others. That’s why I strongly encourage you to do all the homework assignments in this chapter; if you don’t, the rest of this book could be a wasted read. Identifying and eliminating the spiritual conversation-killers in your life is a pivotal part of each Christ-follower’s journey toward internalizing the truth of Colossians 4:5-6.

Allow the Holy Spirit to have his way in your heart as you reflect on my top-10 list of spiritual conversation-killers. I’m all too familiar with each one of them. You see, I *failed* my way into writing this chapter, one spiritual conversation-killer at a time. So by all means, learn from my failures so you can avoid my mistakes.

## Killer 1: AN UNBELIEVING HEART

After speaking with countless Christ-followers all over the world, I’m convinced that the number-one killer of spiritual conversation is unbelief. Please stop and prayerfully consider a question that penetrates to the heart of this conviction: *Do you really believe the people in your Monday-through-*

*Saturday world want to talk about spiritual things?* If you don't, I urge you to stop reading right now and invite Christ to help you with your unbelieving heart. Nothing else in this book will help you until you change your mind about this matter.

In Matthew 12:34b, Jesus tells us that our words reflect our hearts. I have found that we will miss opportunity after opportunity if we've decided that the people who cross our paths have no interest in talking about spiritual matters. For those of you who are skeptical of my assertion due to the spiritual climate of your geographic location, please give me the benefit of the doubt. I've had spiritual conversations with people all over the world, including the supposed "tough places." I think it's because the Holy Spirit has given me a conviction that if God has put eternity in every person's heart, which is what Ecclesiastes 3:11 tells us, then *all* people were made for spiritual conversations.

As I've learned how to naturally create God Space and avoid the next nine spiritual conversation-killers you will read about, spiritual conversations have become the norm, not the exception. Thomas Jefferson said that "when the heart is right, the feet are swift." Jesus said, "Everything is possible for him who believes" (Mark 9:23b). Your heart is the heart of the matter! Unbelief hampers the Holy Spirit's ability to advance God's kingdom through you, one spiritual conversation at a time.

## **Killer 2: PRE-CONVERSATION HISTORY**

The second greatest deterrent to spiritual conversations occurs before most conversations even get started. In his book *UnChristian*, David Kinman quotes one outsider who described Christians this way: "Most people I meet assume that *Christian* means very conservative, entrenched in their thinking, anti-gay, anti-choice, angry, violent, illogical, empire builders; they want to convert everyone, and they generally cannot live peacefully with anyone who doesn't believe what they believe." Like it or not, our Christian jewelry, T-shirts, TV programs, tracts, and bumper stickers all serve to create a pre-conversation history that colors the perception of everyone we meet. This greatly inhibits the possibility of having spiritual conversations. When you identify with Jesus, you automatically inherit all the perceptions created by his followers. Getting out of this "Christian box" as quickly as possible is essential if you're going to have real conversations.

This became quite clear to me on a trip to Columbus, Ohio. I was

speaking at the annual Summer Institute at Xenos, a church that is trying to live out many of the principles of this book. I was having a problem with one of the digital slides in my keynote presentation, so I went to the nearby computer store for help. The young lady assigned to work with me liked the challenging problem I presented to her. As she attempted to fix it, she was exposed to most of the content of my presentation. I sensed tension as she asked me to scroll through the clips and slides. At that moment, I realized that I wasn't just *in* the box—to her, I *was* the box.

Fortunately, the Holy Spirit helped get me out of the box with the following question: “I’m wondering if you would be willing to help me in another way. I’m here in town to speak to a large gathering of Christians who would like to learn how to talk to their friends about spiritual matters. Has anyone ever tried to do that with you?” She immediately ranted about her negative experiences with her Christian sister. As I began to reflectively listen to her, she began to calm down a little.

I asked, “If your sister were in the audience tomorrow, what would you like me to tell her so that your future conversations turn out a little better?” With that question, I had climbed out of the box. She began to realize that I was not like her sister. Now that her history was out on the table, I was able to move forward and avoid the landmines that might blow up our discussion about spiritual matters.

I left, wishing there *were* a way her sister could be in my audience the next day. Of course, that didn't happen. I decided to share this story in the hope that someday she'll read this book and connect the dots. Whether she does or not, this experience helped me see that we can't ignore people's pre-conversation histories if we hope to increase the quality and quantity of our spiritual conversations.

This leads us to a far more personal question: What if *you're* the one who's contributed to someone's negative perception of Christianity? This question cuts deep into the core of all our relationships, and Jesus may have had it in mind when he said that we “will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word [we] have spoken” (Matthew 12:36).

Careless words erode our credibility. Have you ever found yourself wanting to talk to somebody about spiritual things, but didn't because you were afraid the word *hypocrite* might be thrown in your direction? I'm convinced that, next to unbelief, this fear muzzles more Christians than any other factor.

This was made apparent to me one day while I was sharing some of these

thoughts with a group of women who met regularly in a neighborhood Bible study. Carol explained that she frequently spent time with a group of non-Christian women. Every time they got together, these women bashed their husbands. Carol had the courage to admit to me that all too often, she joined right in. How could she now turn around and talk about God's design for marriage, or anything else concerning Christianity, without inviting scathing comments?

*Only God knows how many of us might be two confessions away from the most significant spiritual conversations of our lives.*

Have you been there and done that? I have, and I know only one way to rectify the situation. It starts and ends with confession. Start with God by agreeing with him that the things you said did not reflect positively on him. Then humble yourself before those you said them to, and let those people know you were wrong to say the things you did. And rest assured: When you own your mistakes and call them what they are, spiritual conversations come. Only God knows how many of us might be two confessions away from the most significant spiritual conversations of our lives. (You'll discover more about how to rebuild burned bridges in Chapter 10.)

### **Killer 3: AWKWARD TRANSITIONS**

Several years ago, I found myself at home alone on a Sunday afternoon, immersed in the last two minutes of a football game that would decide which team would go to the playoffs. I was annoyed when the doorbell rang. I prepared to stiff-arm (in Christian love, of course) whoever was at the door so I could get back to my football fix. When I opened the door, two Mormons stood ready to engage me in spiritual conversation.

I found myself suspended in a time warp, as they fumbled the ball early and often in their struggle to start a conversation with me. As I listened to their awkward attempts, images of bygone days flashed through my mind. I remembered times when I was the one trying to start such conversations, and I was filled with compassion for these two Mormons as I recalled stammering through awkward transitions I had memorized early on as a Christ-follower.

Awkward transitions create awkward feelings, which leave people feeling pretty uptight. Most of the people I know don't regularly sign up for conversations that leave them feeling weirded out.

This raises a question I'm asked quite often: "How do you transition into a spiritual conversation?" As I've probed to better understand this question, I've discovered that most Christ-followers are looking for a sure-fire transitional statement they can memorize that will produce great spiritual conversations every time they use it.

Maybe we should take a cue from Jesus on this one. If he didn't approach spiritual conversations this way, why should we?

I'm quite familiar with the transitions Christian workers are taught to use. Even when practiced and delivered flawlessly, these transitions tend to create awkward feelings when people realize you're trying to take the conversation somewhere. If their hearts aren't prepared to go there, it might be the last spiritual conversation you'll ever have with them. In Chapter 7, I'll discuss how we can avoid awkward transitions and move naturally into spiritual conversations.

#### **Killer 4: OUR LANGUAGE, NOT THEIRS**

While I'm on the subject of Mormons, I have to share a funny story that I hope will make Killer 4 seem quite obvious. A few years ago, my brother's job required him to move to Salt Lake City. After the family had settled into the neighborhood, one of the neighbors came over to welcome them. As this woman began to engage my sister-in-law in conversation, she asked, "Are you LDS [Latter-Day Saints]?" My sister-in-law looked at my brother and replied, "Well, neither one of us is ADD [Attention Deficit Disorder], so we probably aren't LDS either."

I still laugh when I recall this story. However, when I think about its implications for spiritual conversations, I'm quite sobered. When we lead with questions such as "Are you saved?" or "Have you been born again?" people feel like outsiders. When we speak "Christianese," we are unwittingly saying, "If you want to have a spiritual conversation with me, you'll have to do so on my terms."

Jesus modeled something quite different. He used the language of the day to speak of heavenly truths. The Apostle Paul asked believers to pray that he would proclaim the message clearly (Colossians 4:4). When we use our language rather than theirs, we confuse people and often leave them feeling confused or stupid. Jesus used language that built bridges and opened doors. We can do the same by learning to translate spiritual truth into the everyday vernacular of the people we converse with.

## Killer 5: DISRESPECT

Sometimes I think my “spiritual gift” is being quick to speak and slow to listen. James 1:19 tells us to do the opposite. If we aren’t quick to listen and slow to speak, it will be quite easy for others to feel disrespected.

There are lots of other ways to unknowingly demonstrate disrespect in our conversations. Being condescending or “parental” will do it every time. When we exceed the speed limit, run the stop signs, or hijack the conversation (the three most common “evangelistic misdemeanors,” which I’ll describe in detail in Chapter 5), we are not treating others the way we would like to be treated. Personally, I don’t regularly show up for conversations in which I know I’m going to be disrespected.

## Killer 6: AGENDAS

In the movie *The Big Kahuna*, Larry asks Bob (an evangelical Christian) how he ended up talking to Dick Fuller (a prospective business client) about religion. As Larry continues to probe, Bob eventually admits that the conversation got started due to a question he asked to steer the conversation toward spiritual matters. Larry astutely observes that Bob was looking for the opportunity to talk about what he believed. He goes on to say, “The conversation was not allowed to have a natural course because somebody was at the helm directing it.”

Later in the movie, Phil—another salesman—pulls Bob aside and shares this advice with him: “If you want to talk to somebody honestly, as a human being, ask him about his kids, find out what his dreams are—just to find out, for no other reason. Because as soon as you lay your hands on a conversation to steer it, it’s not a conversation anymore; it’s a pitch. And you’re not a human being; you’re a marketing rep.”

After watching this movie, I realized that Larry and Phil had some advice for me as well as Bob. During my early years in ministry, I became known as one of the chief marketing reps for Jesus. Unfortunately, I was actually affirmed for steering conversations toward my sales pitch for Jesus. *Spiritual conversations should be our ultimate motive, not our ulterior motive.*

If people are ready for the agenda you have in mind for the conversation, you’ll be warmly embraced. If they aren’t, you’ll be assigned a label that will kill most of your opportunities for spiritual conversations in the future.

a  
**MOVIE**  
 ← to watch

a  
**QUOTE**  
 ← to  
 memorize

## **Killer 7: CONTROL**

How long does it usually take for you to seize a conversation and dominate it with your worldview? This is a question I wish someone had challenged me to think about early in my spiritual journey. During the 1980s, I started the Athletes in Action ministry at the University of Tennessee. If you had dropped in on one of my appointments with an athlete back then, this is what you probably would have seen: I'd usually begin by asking a couple of questions to break the ice. I rarely listened to the answers because I didn't want to detour from the destination I had planned for the conversation. After I broke the ice, I usually asked a question I had memorized to turn the conversation toward spiritual things. I spent the rest of the hour sharing something I believed the other person needed to hear. From beginning to end, I was in control of the conversation.

*How long does it usually take for you to seize a conversation and dominate it with your worldview?*

Other ministries are even more extreme. They teach their workers to treat questions as smokescreens. Each question is deflected so the Christian worker can get back to his or her scripted presentation. Is it any wonder more and more people are saying “no thanks” to these conversations? If you want to have a meaningful spiritual conversation, you'll need to give up the idea of controlling it.

I'm convinced that many Christ-followers are afraid to be in settings where they're not in control of the conversation. This is why churches and ministries die. When we insist on having conversations where only our fans are present, only when we choose to, and only during activities we're comfortable with, we might as well start digging a 6-foot hole and playing taps. It's only a matter of time before a church or ministry that insists on playing only “home games” begins to fade into oblivion.

Jesus told his disciples not to worry about what to say or how to say it because the Holy Spirit would give them what they needed when they needed it (Matthew 10:19-20). There's nothing packaged or scripted about that—just an admonition to submit to the Holy Spirit's guidance, and the promise that the Spirit will be there when we do.

Recently, as I was leaving a social gathering attended by very few churchgoers, I overheard a pastor say, “If you'd like to talk again sometime,

you know where to find me on Sunday mornings.” I’m not sure what the pastor intended by this parting comment, but I thought about how different the outcome might be if the pastor was as willing to play as many road games as he was home games.

### **Killer 8: JUDGMENT**

To many people in our culture, Christians are considered the “disagree-ment people.” We’ve worked hard to earn this label, one reaction at a time. Our body language, tone of voice, and verbal responses are dead giveaways to the reality that we disagree with much of what people in our culture are saying and doing. When we become self-designated spiritual umpires, calling balls and strikes on the culture by writing letters to the editor, calling in to talk radio shows, and staging boycotts of one kind or another, our reactions speak for themselves.

Essentially, we are sending the culture this message: Not only do we not endorse your *point of view*, we also don’t accept *you*. This lack of acceptance crushes opportunities for spiritual conversations. *Acceptance* does not mean *endorsement*. When we confuse the two, we destroy the very space God wants to work in.

Many times, not-yet-Christians will say or do things just to see how we’ll react. This is often a test to determine whether it’s safe enough for them to engage with us in real conversations. Reacting to things we hear or see comes naturally for most of us. But what we need are *supernatural* responses—“love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control” (Galatians 5:22-23)—that communicate radical acceptance, if we hope to create space for spiritual conversations to happen naturally.

***Acceptance does not mean endorsement. When we confuse the two, we destroy the very space God wants to work in.***

### **Killer 9: COMBATIVENESS**

It’s exhilarating to watch two good tennis players volley back and forth. Each tries to cause the other to get out of position in order to hit a decisive shot—a winner—and score a point. Unfortunately, I used to view spiritual conversations in the same way. I viewed the person I was talking with as my opponent who must be won to my Christian point of view.

I interned with Josh McDowell. I was trained by the best when it comes to apologetics. On many occasions, I started my conversations with an overpowering serve. I then prepared myself to pepper winners at my opponent, who in many cases had walked away from the conversation the moment the contest began.

Even if my opponent was up for it, most of the time these worldview challenges led to heated debates, and heated debates eventually gave way to arguments. In the end, I never argued anyone into the kingdom of God. As I once heard Dallas Willard say, “It’s very difficult to be right about something without hurting someone with it.” We need to remember that not-yet-Christians are not the enemy; they’re *victims of the enemy*. We’re called to move into culture with compassion and check our “onward, Christian soldiers” mind-sets at the door.

### **Killer 10: “IT’S ALL ABOUT ME”**

Have you ever been in a conversation in which you felt you couldn’t get a word in edgewise, or the spotlight never seemed to shift off the person who was talking? If so, I bet you just can’t wait for your next conversation with that person!

***We need to remember that not-yet-Christians are not the enemy; they’re victims of the enemy. We are called to move into culture with compassion and check our “onward, Christian soldiers” mind-sets at the door.***

I believe that Christians can slip into these “it’s all about me” kinds of conversations naturally. Because we’re convinced we have the absolute truth, we believe that what we think is all that really matters. This kind of thinking quickly turns conversations into monologues in which we end up talking to ourselves. We need to realize that if people aren’t asking us what we believe, we might be wiser to keep the spotlight on what *they* believe and think. The secret to *being interesting* in a conversation is to *be interested*. Philippians 2:4 encourages us to “look not only to [our] own interests, but also to the interests of others.”

At the end of the day, I want people to follow Jesus. I want to keep the spotlight on him and what he said, not on what I personally think or believe.

This requires me to bring the Bible into conversations. We'll get into this more in Chapter 9.

## BEGIN AGAIN

Just one of these conversation-killers can close down your opportunities for spiritual conversation in a relationship for a lifetime. The good news is that failure is usually never fatal or final; it's just an opportunity to begin again more intelligently. Chapter 10 will give you some practical ideas for reclaiming missed opportunities. I urge you to take these ideas seriously, and to prayerfully consider how to implement them.

Lieutenant Colonel Hughes saved the day when he acted wisely toward people whose values were different from his. Let's follow his example. Let's "take a knee" (a position of humility, from which we approach conversations as listeners and learners); let's point our guns to the ground (back away from confrontational attempts to overpower people with dogmatic certainties that leave others defensive and convinced of our arrogance); let's look up and smile (communicate that we are respectful, warm, friendly, and caring people).

I wonder what would happen if we were willing to let go of the attitudes and practices that kill the potential for spiritual conversations. I'd like to think that Lt. Col. Hughes would recommend the rest of this book as a field manual for a different kind of Christian soldier for today's world.

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← a  
**BOOK**  
to read

As you read through the top-10 list of spiritual conversation-killers, what did the Holy Spirit bring to mind? What might be impeding the quality and quantity of spiritual conversations in your life?

← a  
**QUESTION**  
to answer

Ask the not-yet-Christians in your life to describe what they experience when conversations turn to spiritual matters. Seek to understand their feelings by probing into what prompts them to feel that way.

← a  
**FAITH  
EXPERIMENT**  
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