

GUIDELINES FOR HAVING A COURAGEOUS CONVERSATION

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Speaker: (the one answering the questions below)

- ☞ Speak the truth in love.
- ☞ Provide a safe environment for listening.
- ☞ State the facts you are basing your feelings on instead of making your feelings the facts.
- ☞ Allow the listener to summarize the meaning of your statements.
- ☞ Clarify the statement until the listener has understood the message to your satisfaction.

Listener: (the one asking the questions below)

- ☞ Listen to the speaker's perspective.
- ☞ Show respect by staying in the conversation.
- ☞ Do not blame, complain, or explain.
- ☞ Restate the meaning of the message to the speaker's satisfaction.
- ☞ Gain wisdom and develop understanding to establish relationships of trust, and use knowledge to resolve issues.

COURAGEOUS CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

Pressing Issue

1. What is your most pressing issue?
2. What I hear you saying is... in addition to this, is there something else?

Painful Consequences

3. How is this affecting you? Others?
4. What will the future be like if nothing changes?

Personal Responsibility

5. What do you see as my responsibility for this issue?
6. What do you see as your responsibility for this issue?

Noble Calling

7. What does the preferable future look like to you?
8. What is the most powerful thing we can agree to ask God to do?

Noble Plans & Deeds

9. Based on the above, what is the one thing we cannot fail to do?
10. What practical steps do we need to take to make this happen?