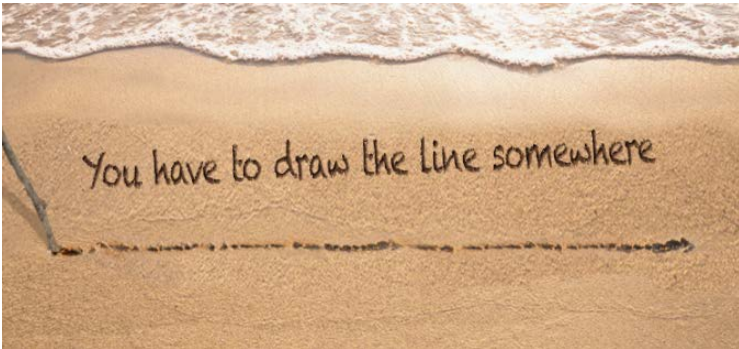


# One Line or More?

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If you listen, if you make yourself settle and become aware, if you can take just a moment to quiet yourself both inside and out, you will find the Lord speaking because HE'S. ALWAYS.THERE. God is everywhere all the time so it stands to reason that He is always working, He is always handling business and always loving us through. How good is He that He doesn't get tired of us?? Omgoodness, lol!

Remember the story of Samuel when he kept hearing someone call his name and he thought it was his master Eli? (If you want to read the story, it can be found in [1 Samuel 3](#).) There are many occasions in the Bible and I'm sure in your life as well as mine where the Lord has called us by name because He wants our attention and affections.

...which brings me to what I'd like to share. ☺

Because we were created for relationship, we seek out affection and attention. Because of our humanity, we can easily make things more than they should be because we can get caught up, especially if we aren't prayed up or in the Word so that when things need to be cut off or we need to gain perspective on things, we end up over exerting, stressed out, wasting time, missing opportunities, under and over prioritizing, and even hurting ourselves and others although none of this is normally intentional.

When we place God at the head of our thoughts and relationships, we draw an invisible line in the sand and we command our physical mind to align with what is right. When we say "no!" we establish boundaries. It's okay to say no!! If you don't say no and step back from time to time, then you will find yourself like the picture above on the right – going in all kinds of directions and *U-Turns will become a way of life*.

If you can, if you are willing – draw a line in the sand today – and then place yourself with the Lord on one side and everything else on the other – and slowly allow Holy Spirit to bring over to your side what things belong for now or for good and what things need to be on the other side and although it may be for a time or for eternity – the fact that you would allow the Lord show you the areas that need boundaries, is a giant step in surrendering your will to His.

He knows your desires, He knows your pain, He knows your struggle and your heart and He knows EVERY GIFT you have. He also knows the PRECISE timing for everything you need. Please don't let the enemy beat you up with shame or regret – God is able to restore and He's bigger than our messes. Forgiving ourselves, and forgiving others allows us to confront this line and look at the things on the other side in the face – and stand victorious as we do.

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