

# Sound Board

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We've all heard that expression "going off half-cocked", right? Back in the "Cowboy Era" there was serious danger attached to, and you were thought to be a fool if you walked around with your pistol, or gun half-cocked because you created more of a chance of hurting yourself and those you love than being ready to defend yourselves against the enemy.

Lately, there's been a season of "checking in" so to speak that I've noticed in my inner circle. From my kids asking me about what they should do in certain circumstances to me needing to run stuff by my husband and close friends of mine that I trust as well as other family members and friends bumping things off me before they move in a direction.

My girls came back from camp last week and my oldest was baptized, we were so filled with joy, sad that we couldn't be there, but filled with joy at her decision. To know that she has a relationship and not just a religion means a personal experience with the Creator of her soul. It means more opportunities for all of us as a family to seek counsel and wisdom in moving in the direction the Lord gives us.

They also both came back with a desire to want to help be camp counselors and possibly for my oldest, to seek out this opportunity as her trade in life. Only God knows what He has in store for our girls and our family but I believe as long as we are open and communicating and willing to seek wisdom and bump ideas off of others, (going it alone is not an option) – we will make it.

A friend of mine has an area in his house that you step down into and there's a couch and a couple of chairs and he calls it the "conversation pit". I believe it's healthy for family and friends to come together and pray, discuss ideas, and thoughts and concerns. When we move in this direction, we are saying that it's not just about us. Now, timing of course, is everything so I'm not saying spill your guts all the time, but I am encouraging all of us to listen and pray before we speak or move. The Lord can work miracles and wonders in the midst of humility and unity. Do you have a sound board in your life?

**Proverbs 12:15 - The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice.**

**James 1:5 - If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him**

**1 Thessalonians 5:11- Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.**