

Meaningful Conversations

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I've seen people who say one thing and do another and claim it's because they can't remember what they said. Lord knows I'm not the best at remembering however I do like to get to the conclusion of a matter and for that reason, my husband likes to call me a "pit bull" at times. I don't want to shame those who seriously have a memory issue, but I would like to address this from a spiritual stand point and would encourage us all to pray for those we know have memory retention problems or legitimate diseases.

As well, praying more before we start engaging with someone is always a plus – I'm still learning this one... because sometimes I feel like wisdom is with me and then I get going and look back and say – hmmm – I must have dropped her off somewhere back there... lol

We all have moments where we wish we could pick up our words and shove them back down our throats, but I would like to challenge each of you to be slow to speak, so that you can mean what you say more than you say what's mean.

There are ways we can turn festering conversations into meaningful ones. We can always use the sandwich approach by stating something nice and then bringing the confrontational point and then always closing it with something loving again. Another way to make it meaningful is to let the person know that they are important to you and that even if you don't want to talk about something, you will because you know it's what they need and even if it's not right away we can let them know that we would like to discuss it later and actually fulfill that commitment to sit down and talk. We can talk about the hard things... We just need some salt.

There are plenty of times in the Bible where people got together to hash out their differences, and wise counsel was a necessity.

We shouldn't go through life continuing to beat ourselves up because we spoke out of place or hurt someone's feelings. At some point, we need to let Holy Spirit season our words and control our tongue. This is very hard... I know. It's critical to growing in the Lord folks. If what comes out of us doesn't leave someone thinking of Jesus... then... we need to continue asking the Lord to help us and He will – He was constantly asking people what their angle was and then He would lovingly set them on course. His words are powerful – Lord help our words to edify and be meaningful and give us wisdom to love and build with the conversations we have today in Jesus name, Amen.

p.s. I found a website that thoroughly covers this subject better than I believe I have here, please feel free to go to: <http://www.andrewironside.com/?p=1149>