



HOLD the LINE

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INTRODUCTION

This weekend is our third message in a four-part series entitled *Hold the Line*. Each week, we are challenged and encouraged through an interview with a fellow PLC attendee who is “holding the line” in their own God-appointed way. This week, Mike Fisher, Superintendent of Charles City Schools, is our interviewee. Pastor Jesse expounds on the interview take-a-ways, leading us through Scriptures to guide us as we navigate our way through the transitions of the pandemic.

DISCUSSION

1. Pastor Jesse highlighted some nuggets of wisdom from Mike’s story, one of which is “If we’re not careful, we’ll miss our shot.” The window of opportunity COVID-19 opened to us is beginning to close. What opportunities did you seize and seek God’s strength to help you make the most of? Conversely, share some missed opportunities in the last two months you desire to now grab hold of in the remaining transitional time.
2. Jesse emphasized three marks of an opportunistic leader: communication, attunement and compassion. Of these three areas, which do you feel you’ve been most successful in during this season? In area have you most missed the mark?
3. **Read Ephesians 4:29.**
 - a. Have you engaged in “unwholesome talk,” tearing another down by tone of voice or words?
 - b. Have you built others up and/or sought to discern their needs through your speech?
 - c. In what ways has your talk been a benefit (or not) to those around you?
4. Jesse also emphasized the importance of pausing. **Revisit Colossians 4:2.** Looking back to March and April, did you pause and seek the Lord? If so, how did this practice lead you to deeper attunement? If this has been absent in your life during the coronavirus season, how can you implement it now and through the summer?

DO SOMETHING

1. Every day this week, make a point to see and then meet one need. Ask God to make the needs known to you and help you carry out of compassion.
2. As we transition out of the pandemic phase, ask God to show you ways you can model leadership by impacting those around you. Choose one or two, and ask a trusted friend, family member or mentor to keep you accountable to this.
3. **Read Psalm 46:10.** Find a time and a place to “be still” and pause with God this week.

RESOURCES

1. To dig deeper into **Pause**: Read [Celebration of Discipline](#) by Richard Foster, available on Amazon.
2. To dig deeper into **Compassion**: Watch [Everyday Works: Expand the Circle](#) on [RightNow Media](#).
3. To dig deeper into **Leadership**: Read [The Emotionally Healthy Leader](#) by Peter Scazzero, available on Amazon.