

June 9, 2019

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- We assume that \_\_\_\_\_ can address that need.

- We do what we assume will \_\_\_\_\_ that need because we \_\_\_\_\_ we are the person for the job.

- We risk doing \_\_\_\_\_.

**We think that we \_\_\_\_\_, and the person we love (and our relationship with them) is \_\_\_\_\_.**

*When we think we know better...*

-We can inhibit \_\_\_\_\_

-We can unintentionally take away \_\_\_\_\_

*We can do better...*

-By \_\_\_\_\_

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- **What do you need?**

- **What can I do?**

- **How can I best love and support you?**

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What part of the message stood out to you the most?

Have you ever experienced a person thinking that they “know better” than you might? Have you ever found yourself guilty of this thought?

Why do you think we sometimes immediately react to the things we hear rather than ask others how they’d wish for us to respond?

In Mark 10, Jesus knew what Bartimaeus needed, yet he asked him about his need anyway. Why do you think that is?

When you share your needs with others, do you ever feel like you are passing on a burden? Why or why not?

How might we find freedom in the ability to confess our needs to others?

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-We ASSUME a need.

- We assume that NO ONE ELSE can address that need.

- We do what we assume will FIX that need because we THINK we are the person for the job.

- We risk doing MORE HARM THAN GOOD.

**We think that we KNOW BETTER, and the person we love (and our relationship with them) is NO BETTER**

*When we think we know better...*

-We can inhibit RECONCILIATION

-We can unintentionally take away DIGNITY

*We can do better...*

-By LISTENING

-By ASKING THE QUESTION

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