

Friending  
Week 3 - Tough Conversations  
Sunday, September 23, 2018  
Pastor Scott Savage

Pointing Out the Blind Spots...

**Big Question:** What if the \_\_\_\_\_ we want are on the other side of \_\_\_\_\_ we've been unwilling to have?

**Passage:** 2 Samuel 17-18

**4 Barriers to Tough Conversations:**

**Preparing for a Tough Conversation:**

1. Have I \_\_\_\_\_? (2 Samuel 18:1)

2. Have I \_\_\_\_\_?

3. Have I \_\_\_\_\_?

**Next Steps:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Ask yourself the \_\_\_\_\_ from above.

3. Make a \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ once you're as ready as you're going to be.

**“Based upon what I heard God speaking to me today, I will \_\_\_\_\_.”**

**Discussion Questions:**

- What did you sense God speaking to you as Pastor Scott preached this message?
- When have you been in the place of Nathan in the story? When have you been in the place of David?
- Which of the four barriers that Pastor Scott mentioned do you struggle with most? (Fear, Past Experience, Inadequacy, Easier Options) Why is that barrier so difficult for you to get beyond?
- Which of the three preparation questions is the one you most often avoid? Why do you avoid it?
- In your life, when has a tough conversation led to a healthier relationship? When has a tough conversation led to a more difficult relationship?
- What have you learned from having tough conversations like these?
- How can this group pray for you as you take next steps in this area? Is there a specific tough conversation they can pray for or hold you accountable to initiate?
- How has shame kept you from engaging in these conversations and relationships where these were possible?

**Recommending Reading:**

*Crucial Conversations: Tools for Talking When Stakes are High*  
by Kerry Patterson and Joseph Grenny

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