

CASE STUDY

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WHEN YOUR FRUSTRATION BECOMES INFORMATION

EVERY INVITATION TO SHARE IS ALSO AN INVITATION TO DISCERN



She was an educator and teacher leader in a school working to improve student achievement.

A respected consultant was invited to help the staff examine the school's systems.



During a leadership breakout session, the consultant shared a compelling principle: Stop trying to improve everything. Identify a few high-impact priorities and focus relentlessly on them.



Then came an exercise.

Leaders were asked to talk with an elbow partner about the one thing in their work that frustrated them most and affected multiple areas of the school.



She answered candidly.

"Wasted time."

Redundant tasks. Repeating work that had already been completed in slightly different forms. Activities that consumed time without advancing the mission.



Her reasoning was simple:

Time is the one resource we cannot recover.

If educators could eliminate unnecessary duplication and synergize their efforts, she believed they could improve instruction, student achievement, teacher morale, and school climate.



As she spoke, she noticed something.

The facilitator, who had been across the room, began moving closer. Eventually, he stood directly in front of her. He didn't interrupt. He didn't comment.

He listened.

Then he moved away.



A few days later, something began to change.

Requests involving tasks she considered conspicuously redundant or unnecessarily time-consuming became increasingly frequent.

One request meant nothing. Neither did two.

But the pattern continued.



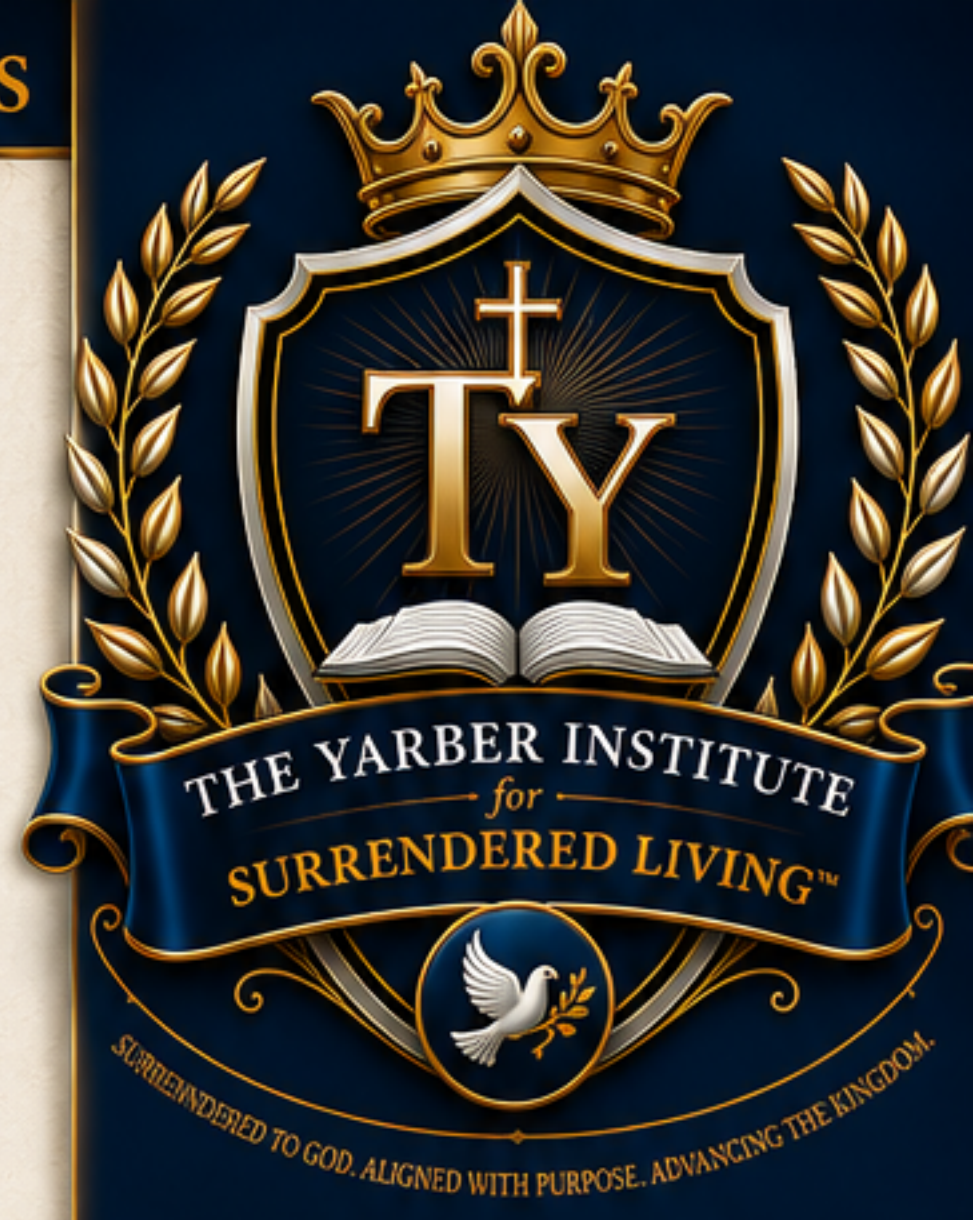
She couldn't prove why. She didn't know whether the earlier conversation had anything to do with it. So she resisted the temptation to turn an observation into an accusation.

But she remembered what she had disclosed.

And she began paying attention.



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WHAT WAS GOD DOING?

Perhaps the lesson wasn't:

"Never tell people anything."

Perhaps it was:

"Learn to discern access."

Transparency and wisdom are not opposites.

You can be authentic without giving every person, every setting, and every exercise unrestricted access to information about what frustrates you, unsettles you, or makes you vulnerable.

And sometimes God allows us to experience the consequences of unguarded disclosure so that we learn the difference between being secretive and being discerning.

WISDOM DOESN'T REQUIRE YOU TO BECOME GUARDED. IT TEACHES YOU TO BECOME DISCRIMINATING ABOUT ACCESS.



REFLECTION



Who is asking?



Why is this information needed?



How might this information be used outside the context in which I'm sharing it?



Has this person or environment earned access to what I'm about to reveal?

on requires complete disclosure.
es wisdom answers.
es wisdom redirects.
es wisdom simply listens.

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