



Out of My Mind...

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For Your Consideration...

In her talk at P/S Getaway, Lori Nebel shared "Words We Can Do Without".

They included:

"can't" – Eph 1:19 – not a lot we can't do

"should" – Eph 4:1 – use energy on what we can do

"have to" – Lk 15:28 - excuse not to do something else

"try" – reflects guilt/self-defense about what you don't want to

Lori explained that these words don't empower those who use them and that there are better choices of words that would help us be more honest and genuine in our communication. It was very thought-provoking presentation.

SURROUNDED IN LOVE: The Badar Family

ON THE MEND:

Barbara Wheeler: on going health issues

Beth Rodriguez – facing cancer surgery Nov 13th

Out In Cyberspace



www.nsopr.gov -

background checks for volunteers

www.ahajokes – self-explanatory

In My Briefcase



Thriving Churches in the
Twenty-first Century
by McIntosh & Reeves

Prayer
by Yancey

FROM THE FIELD...

It is said that a church event only has to be successful once in order to become a tradition forever! In the MBC, we've had many successful Pastor/Spouse Get-Aways and Joan and I have participated in several of them. I've just gotten back in the office from this year's Get-Away. Those attending the event would agree that was successful in refreshing ministry couples through teaching sessions, fellowship and "down time". Dr. Tom Nebel and his wife, Lori, were great at encouraging and challenging us. Nevertheless, when a program has apparently outlived its usefulness and fewer and fewer of the target audience participate, I'm wondering if this is a tradition whose time has come.

I still believe this event provides a valuable opportunity to our ministry couples, so we are going to be re-thinking our strategy for delivering this kind of experience to our pastoral families. As of today, we're going back to the drawing board. I don't know **when** our next P/S Get-Away will be held or **what** it will look like. If you have any ideas about how we can once again make this an attractive and beneficial event for our pastoral couples, click on the "Reply" button and let me know your suggestions. I'll can throw them in the hopper (not the circular file!), let them percolate and we'll see what comes out. If the new and improved model is successful the first time out, we'll have ourselves a new tradition!

Thanks for your cooperation.

Sel ah: "... so many churches want to be successful accidentally.
And you can only be successful on purpose."

Rev. Sen. James Meeks