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To thank you all, we have never been able to do this with this many thousand people in the auditorium. Welcome tree people. I was very fortunate. The thing the Mandela said has been so powerful it was life-changing and it is AA in its spirit. I diminished it because I didn't say what he said. I said what I heard him say. I would like to read it to you. Our worst fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.

It is our light not our darkness which most frightens us. We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented and fabulous? Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. You are playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightening about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We were born to make manifest the glory of God within us. It is not just in some of us, it is in everyone and as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same.

As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others. That's good stuff. And if anybody ever had a reason to be pissed, it was him. And he wasn't. He came out smiling. So thank you for your indulgence. That is what this whole thing says to me in my heart. Don't be afraid to let you light shine. How are we doing? After dinner? Well, first roll. Line up on the left. Sex inventory is one of the finest things to use for all of life.

I was two years before I was able to get my first sex inventory done. My memory wasn't that good and I was so screwed up in that area. When I finally got it done, it fit on a three by five card. I was amazed that I ever had children. But the way it is in the big book, it's a conduct inventory. It's not a pornographic inventory. And technically it's important. The resentment inventory says make a list first. The sex inventory does not.

Let's walk into that. Bill talks of course about all of us needing a little overhaul there. Some people think we ought to have sex all the time. Some blame the whole troubles of the world on it. We have a myriad of screwed up ideas about this deal. We do not want to be the arbiter of anyone's sexual conduct. That means I'm not to be the arbiter of my own either. One of the most profound things I ever heard was a person who, in giving directions for the inventory, told another person, we don't know yet whether God wants you to be a whore or a muck.

So forget what you think you know about it because it doesn't. Now he hasn't made many of either in AA that I've seen, a few. So we reviewed our own conduct over the past. It says it's real important because this is specific. I'm to review my conduct over the past. Where had we been selfish, dishonest, or inconsiderate? If you answer those questions, the list will make itself. If all I do is make a list of the people I've had sexual relations with, I'm going to miss most of the meat of this inventory.

This is about power. The withholding of sex is as much a harmful thing as indiscriminate sex. And we'll miss it if I just make that list. So where have I been selfish, dishonest, and inconsiderate? The list will make itself. Whom have I heard? That doesn't need to interpret it. I make, well, who am I heard? Did we unjustifiably rouse jealousy, suspicion, or bitterness? Of course. How did I go about that? That, by the way, is a standard business practice.

That's a manipulative tool in many areas of life. And in this arena, particularly, you're not giving me enough attention. So I indicate there may be a little dalliance around the corner, and you start giving me more attention. It's a manipulation. Okay. Where will we at fault and what should we have done instead? Oh, my. The very question indicates that I probably know the difference between right and wrong now. And the question, what should I have done instead is almost anything but what I did.

So. Okay. Don't have to get fancy with that one. But can you see how clearly this lays out for me where my amends are going to come from? What should I have done instead? That's what I have to clean up, both directly and in my life. We got all this down on paper and looked at it. So this is another written inventory. I don't have a copy of that because I've got to be honest with you. I haven't had sexual aberration for about 27 years.

I married a horny Italian woman and everything's just fine. We make light of that, but it's the truth. Yeah. I have a question. Please. I don't, not at first because it doesn't say to do that. I'm just following the directions here. It says, I start out by saying where have I been selfish, dishonor, inconsiderate, and the list then gets made right there. Made there. As I answer the question, I don't make a list ahead of time because I'm going to leave some things out if I do.

See, we have the mistaken idea that sex is intercourse. That's just the picnic on the journey. We got locked into the picnic and we missed everything that happened on the journey. Most of the harm comes on the journey. So men particularly were stupid. We are genetically driven. Ladies that doesn't let you off the hook, so are you. But in a different direction. But we're stupid. The problem I had with women most of my life is that I had learned about women from men who don't know anything about women.

What I know about women today and what I know about sex today, I learned from my wife. That's all I know. She doesn't think that's true, but it's true. I was a virgin when I came to her spiritually. Well these guys that sit behind you make me nervous. In this way, in laying it out this way, we try to shape a sane and sound ideal for our future sex life or for our future business life or our future play life. Whatever it may be, answering these questions helps me set the new ideal.

I don't have to get fancy with it. It's not to find my ideal mate. It's to determine my ideal for my own conduct in this world and in this arena. What a marvelous tool this is. All I have to do is look at what I did wrong and the opposite of that will be the right. It was in this that I made some interesting discoveries about myself. I am not super stud. Never have been. Never wanted to be. There are other things in life that interest me almost as much.

And the older I get, the more of those there are. I still believe that God created anything better than that. He kept it for himself. But I also have to admit, if he hadn't made it fun, we wouldn't do it. It looks really dumb. Hey, it's so weird that we won't even let children watch it. Okay. So, you know, really, we subjected each relationship to this test. Whether it be sexual or any other relationship, business relationship, whatever, this is the test.

Was it selfish or not? Boy, you got me because in some aspect, absolutely. Yes. But was it selfish or not? We asked God to mold our ideals and help us live up to them. Same prayer we had been saying, what would you have me be? Now, I carry this into my marriage. This is good when you first come here in your sexual maniac. This will guide you and help you. But how about a marriage? The fact is that I did marry a lady who really

enjoys me and our activities and that includes sex.

That does not mean that I have proprietary rights over her body and we can have sex any time I want. That's selfish and would be selfish. I listened to anyone who has something spiritual to say and it was an old assembly of God and preacher used to commit to that penitentiary. And I could never have that experience. I made myself available to it time and time again. It just didn't happen for me. But I did discover some things.

I love old hymns. I love to sing. If we can get a chorus of we shall gather at the river, I'm with you. I just love it. And this little man was a truly spiritual man. It didn't matter what he called himself. We knew that and we would sit with him and let him talk with us and ask him questions. And he mentioned one day that there were times he had doubt and I still had the spiritual illusion that all spiritual people, there's no more doubt or temptation.

It's, you know, you get your tweed jacket with the leather patches on the elbow and the house up on the side of the mountain with the overlooking veranda where you sit listening to Mozart coming out of the back room and dispense the little wisdom to the peasants as they go by. He had doubts, he said, and temptations. And we said, well, what do you do? He said, when I am in doubt or when I have temptation, I take the master by the hand.

And I say to him, if I go do this, will you go with me? And if I don't get a solid yes, I just don't go. I'll either get a solid yes or a solid no. If I don't get an answer, I don't go. It takes a solid yes to go. Now I was awake enough to know that God is always with me, but the idea was clear. And I've got a stronger test than that for you, the one that I put myself to because I'm weaker than that preacher was, I think.

If what I'm about to do, could I be, would I be able to do that? If my wife were watching, my mother were watching, my granddaughter were watching, or my daughter's watching? That's my test. We don't let our daughters watch our intercourse, but they watch me trying to seduce their mother on a regular basis, and they love it. They know how deeply I love her. I've patter on the rump for blowing her ear. I've been known to fall to my knees in front of her and say, thank you, Jesus, thank you.

I mean, I'm blatant about it because that's playful. And the daughters have got good attitudes about sex. There's nothing to be afraid of, and they know I love their mother. We're not going to let them watch. That's private. Besides, I'm fat and ugly. We need to always remember that our sex powers were God-given and therefore good. Neither to be as lightly and self-esteem or to be despised and loathed. I'm to take kind of a neutral thing here, and the key was God gets to be in on this deal too.

I'm to practice these principles in all of my affairs. We've been married in, I don't know, two or three years when it occurred to me that I never consciously prayed about that. So I stopped for a minute. We're getting ready to go to bed and make love. And I just stopped for a second. And my own head quietly said, if I go do this, will you go with me? And within me I heard, oh, yeah. Why not? It's his creation for goodness sakes. Why not?

And it has changed our regular life and our sex life. There's nights I have a headache. There's nights she has a headache. It doesn't matter anymore. It's part of the journey, and the picnic is a great part of the journey, but it's just the picnic. The fun part is 24-hour-day seduction. That's the fun part. I adore her. I let her know that. I have found all of her little weak spots. My favorite is when she's busy cooking to kiss her on the back of the neck

because it makes you go, ooh, better than cookies, man.

Anyway, did you get the idea? Find your own way into this. And have fun with it. Our Eskimo friends, their word for sexual intercourse is, let us laugh together. Let's go laugh together. Because this is fun. Ooh, whatever the ideal is ought to be, we must be willing to grow toward it. Again, willingness is the key here. My strength comes from my weaknesses. If I think I am strong, then I will give in to my weaknesses.

If I admit my weaknesses, I get strength. It's just the way it works. So I need God more here than anywhere else because this is the second most powerful power source of the human condition. This is the one that drives the whole damn planet and can either be used for good or it can destroy it. Everything we're trying to build. We must be willing to make amends where we have done harm, provided that we do not bring about still more harm than so doing.

Counsel with others. Counsel with sane people though, if you can find any. In other words, we treat sex as we would any other problem. Holy mackerel, do you hear what that says? What's common next is the solution to every problem I may ever have. That's what it says, every problem. And here it is. In meditation we ask God what we should do about each specific matter. The rule book just goes out the window. Now I live by principles, not by rules.

What worked last week is a rule may not work this week. In any activity I have, but the principle, will this cause any harm? That works every time. The right answer will come if we want it. What should I do about each specific matter? I can apply that to every activity of my life. And I've done some bizarre things with that. I believe in practicing prayer and practicing the presence of God. So when I got out of the penitentiary where they were feeding me, I had no choices there.

I used to stand in front of the bread counter at Safeway and practice. I would say in my present state of health, which of these should I be eating? Because I don't know. And then I let everything go out of focus. And whether it came back into focus first, that's the one I bought. Now that sounds silly. And I don't think God necessarily takes time out from his day to say, oh, get the rainbow white. I believe it's the practice that was important.

I got used to asking God in each situation no matter what it was. What should I do here? And it becomes a habit. You don't even think of it anymore. So the first time through you got a lot of housecleaning to do because we are all sexually weird when we get here. We are. Yeah. Not necessarily terribly sick, but weird. I don't know where you grew up, but where I grew up, we didn't talk about it except on the street. With guys who'd never done it before either.

And girls wouldn't talk about it with us. What the hell are we going to know? So we get weird. Some of us come from an old Quaker background where that's really bad news. I have been beaten severely in this arena with rubber hose and things like that. And many of you have had the same thing because we get some weird stuff in this country. Forget it. It's all lies. Ask God what should I do about each specific matter. So I have to learn how to meditate, don't I?

If I'm going to go in meditation, I have to learn how and later on we get taught how to do that. This whole

business is about prayer, isn't that lovely? But suppose you mess up. Suppose we fall short of the chosen ideal and stumbled. Does that mean we're going to get drunk? It depends entirely upon our motives. If we're willing to straighten that out and be taken on to better things, probably not. If we're not sorry and we continue to harm others, we will surely drink.

So what is it that will cause me to drink? Not a crisis. Harming others is what's sure to make me drink. Anything that separates from me from you is sure to make me drink. Whether it be resentment or fear or conduct. If it separates me from you, I am sure to drink. If I harm you, I am sure to drink. What a wonderful tool God's got. Enlighten self-interest. Okay. I don't get to even pray for myself anymore except as those prayers may affect how it works with you.

But I found a way around that one, by the way. Or I found a way to get into that one all the way. And I'll give it to you. I need to be filled with a sense of the presence of God. It's all I need. And I know that. And I can't ask for that for me. It's what this says. So here's what I say to him. Please fill me with your loving spirit and let it flow through me and into the lives of others. And you know what? As long as I'm willing to let it keep flowing, I'm full.

What a neat trick. Don't get rid of your, you can't get rid of your scheme or anyway. Let it work. To sum up about sex or any other problem, we earnestly pray for the right ideal. For guidance and each questionable situation. Again, Bruce, I don't know what's questionable. If you're involved in it, it's questionable. Not necessarily negative. Anytime I have two possibilities or more, it's questionable. Which should I do?

Don't have to be negative. Every situation is questionable because life is made up of choices. Go left or go right. Go up or go down. It's always questionable. So pray all the time. It gets to be fun. For sanity. Insanity in here is described in the story of the car salesman named Jim as lack of proportion in the ability to think straight. So sanity would be proportion, proportion, and the ability to think straight. What does that apply here?

My genes tell me my whole purpose for being on Earth is to repopulate it. So many females, so little time. I'm driven with that genetically. I can get clear out of proportion with that. Okay? This means it's saying I understand that's not just my job. I need to share that. Frankly, it's too big a job for me anyway. And I get distracted by good music sometimes and forget it. Oh, I do. You can laugh if you want what I do.

Strengths to do the right thing. There's my deal. I know the difference between right and wrong. What I lack is power, or in this case, the strength to do the right thing. Once I know what the right thing is quite often, the feeling I get is, oh, I'm just a little kid. You're asking too much of me. I don't have the strength to do that. And by admitting I don't have the strength and by asking for it, suddenly I get the strength to do the right thing.

And if I'm busy trying to get the strength to do the right thing, I don't have time to do the wrong thing. This is written for children because that's who we are. So it says we're children of the living creator. You know what I think is funny? What is the children are supposed to do most of the time? Play! We get serious about this. Lighten up. It's only life or death, God. If sex or any other problem is very troublesome, we throw ourselves a harder into helping others.

We think of their needs and we work for them. This takes us out of ourselves and acquires the imperious urge

when to yield would mean heartbreak, both for me and for other people. I can't stand one more of my own heartbreaks. Along the way here in this, I began to learn the difference between guilt and shame. And there's a very real difference. Guilt is what happens to me when you catch me breaking one of your standards or rules or laws or whatever, then I feel guilty.

And it's very easy to take care of guilt. I just shut up and wait for you to tell me what I have to do to pay the debt. How much time I have to go, how much money it's going to be, what humiliation I have to face, takes care of the guilt. Shame is when I've just caught myself violating one of my own standards, one of my own principles, and there's no payoff. There is no payoff for that. The only way I can ever get rid of shame is to become the kind of person who could no longer commit that shameful act.

And that's the transformation we get here. I can't deal with shame. I just become somebody else. You can't do that. That sounds high and lofty, and it is, but it isn't. I don't know how many of you have ever heard of Gert Bahann. Gert was raised here at the Waldorf. Very, very rich old lady. Bad drunk. 62 years old, she had a Christian conversion experience and stopped drinking, set herself up a little trust that would keep her alive.

She said she wished she would have remembered about inflation, but went down to Arizona and began working with drunks. And those that she couldn't take care of, she'd send to AA. And six years later, in her sobriety, she realized she was sending people someplace where she hadn't been, so she went and became an AA member of the highest standing. Gert was one of those people. The first time I saw her talk was in a cathedral in Denver.

Little old lady, late 70s or early 80s. And I knew I was looking into the face of God. That's what she put out. She had that going. She traveled the world just talking about God. Kind of like Fatima does. And if you know Fatima, you're going to hear about God because she doesn't know anything else. And we had Fatima out to our correctional facility. Let her talk to the guys for an hour. Took over two hours, and when she left they asked me to bring her back again tomorrow.

But Gert, one time, we were talking about this spiritual stuff, and she was laughing at us as most people do, young people. She says, being spiritual isn't all that much different. She said, honey's, she called us all honey's. When I was sick, I used to look down on people. Now that I'm spiritual, I look down on people who look down on people. I think that much different. And began to make it real. And that's what's going on here.

My ideal is that I keep my promises. If I'll do that, I probably won't cause you harm. So I'm very, very careful about making promises. I used to make ones I had no intention or no way to keep. And my dad, one time near the end of the road, gave me this lovely tidbit, as a standard. He said, Don, there's only two things that a person really needs to live a good life, an honorable life. You have to have enough honor to keep every promise you ever make, no matter what the personal consequences.

And enough wisdom to not make too many promises like that. Okay. So if I want to keep my promises, if I want to have integrity with you, it means we must communicate. There must be an exchange, a negotiation, if you will. Well, we both come to an agreement. This is how we will behave toward one another. Jeez, that makes my marriage pretty easy. I will stay faithful to this woman, to the end of the road. Very easy. All got to just keep the promise.

And she makes that very easy. But I have to keep that view. Okay. Now, one of the things that's done for me, quite honestly, has made me a safe man. Some of you ladies who know me long enough know that. You can hug on me and you're safe because I'm safe. And it's a wondrous thing that happens because it lifts it to another place. Some of you guys know that I'll kiss you right on the mouth if you're not careful. Because that's non-sexual.

Okay. I'll shake your hand. I'll hold you by the arm. I'll hug you. I'll kiss you on the cheek. And if you're loud, I'm going to kiss you right on the mouth. Loud is a friend of mine from Seattle. A lunatic. Lunatics need to be kissed on the mouth regularly. All right. Have you met Loudy? He's an old rock musician. He's stark raving mad and I just love him. He and Gwen just had another baby. That's two. Oh. At least likely father that you've ever considered and he's thriving on it.

Just thriving on it. Anyway. So there's another ideal. I would like to be safe. I would like to be a safe person. In whatever activity I need to have enough integrity that you know you are safe with me. And you know how I do that? That's easy. I rely upon God and I'll let you know that right out front. I don't need anything from you. So I'm not going to be negotiating for my benefit. Because I don't need you. I don't need anything from you.

I need you more than ever before. And these are the ideals that over the years begin to come. I want to be a good father. Well one of my early sponsors when I had seven children. That was an experience. And I got busy in AA. There's a difference between being busy and being active and I had gotten busy. Pulled me aside when Danny said you know we're supposed to practice these principles in all of our affairs. And that means we have to practice them at home too.

And in order to do that you got to be there once in a while. Have you ever listened to children? You want to be a good parent? Stop raising children the way most of us do it. It's a criminal activity. We keep trying to impose ourselves and our dreams and our ideals on them and make them into something they aren't. And so stop that. Start listening to children. That's what I've learned. You ever listen close to children?

You know what their biggest bitch is? Nobody ever listens to me. You want to make friends with a child? Sit down for a minute and listen to them. They have very short attention spans. They're not going to take up much of your time. Okay. Pretty soon you're dull. Don't go do something else. But listen to them. Isn't that all of our... My ideal is to become a listener. And God has made me a listener and I think you're funny because you asked me to talk.

But I'm a listener. It'll be effective in working with people. Don't figure out what they need. Listen while they tell you what they need. Because they will. You have to really learn to listen because very few alcoholics ever say it straight. But they're saying it. Listen to me. You don't hear of what I'm saying. I heard that from my older boy and it broke my heart because he was right. I wasn't hearing what he was saying.

I was hearing what he was saying. Anyway, by praying for those ideals and all of my affairs, I can have affairs. As long as I don't have more affairs and I have principles, I'm fine. At work. Very important at work. Don't even want to go there right now. Maybe tomorrow. Tomorrow morning is crying time. I'm going to tell all kinds of emotional stories. All of us that just bring you to tears. Oh yeah, it's going to be a three-hanky morning.

My ideal is, according to this, God is my employer. So for many, many years, I've never worked for anybody

but God. Now he's given me numbers of human supervisors that paid my check. He has to find some way to get the money into my hands. But I don't work for you. I work for him. And you know, I've had amazing experiences there. I went to work at a correctional facility and the first thing they did was take me out of the matrix.

I was not subjected to any of the routines that all the other employees had to do because I worked harder than any of them. I worked for God. That's a 24-hour-day job. So instead of coming in at nine, I found that I could come in at seven and get more work down between seven and nine than a good all day. And I don't mind that. That left me free time to actually work with people. I don't want to go clear off into all that, but that's what comes out of these prayers.

What should I do about each specific matter? Very important. And then I'll pass this on. I work with a lot of people. Little Chuck was not capable of getting into the big book for almost a year. He was so badly damaged, I just kept him with me and rode around in my car and let him spew his hate and couldn't get into it for almost a year. So I'm very patient with those kind. Not too long ago, a fellow came to me who'd been 17 years sober, relied entirely upon his sponsor and the 12 and 12.

And it never worked the steps thoroughly. His sponsor did something that made him mad and then died. Now, God was gone. He was mad at him. There were no directions, so he drank. So at 17 years, of course he drank. He had no power. And he and I had met him in Los Angeles on an airplane coming back to Denver. One of those crossroad deals about five years before, and we had talked. So he called me and asked me if I would take him through the steps and work with him, help him.

And we were going along pretty good, but he couldn't stop drinking. Now, he's a holistic chiropractor. And the way God works is I get my information through strange ways. An Indian friend of mine wanted me to go to a holistic chiropractor for my feet. And this chiropractor suggested I take some adrenal cortex. I'm a label reader. I'm responsible for what goes in my body. It's 80% alcohol. All those herbal medicines are.

And he's telling me that he doesn't understand it because he can't seem to get healthy. He's taking his own herbs and all of that. No wonder you haven't quit drinking. You haven't quit drinking. Pointed out to him that he quit drinking. And the craving went away and we went along pretty good. Had a good third step experience, sent him home to make his list. And he made his list. And we set up an appointment and he missed it.

This is about two years ago, Christmas. I didn't hear from him for a while. Called me back after. Now he's got a habit of drinking, coming back, starting over, drinking, coming back, starting over. Called me and he said, you know I drank over the holiday. And I said, I know you did. You want to know how I knew? Well, you didn't show up. That's how I knew. Not a no-brainer. He said, what should I do now? And I prayed for this specific instance.

And said, Ali, I think what you need to do is keep drinking. I think you need to drink until you discover for yourself that you cannot not drink. And when that day comes, call me back. Well, I found out the other night he called one of the guys I sponsored when he finally got to that place. And John said, well, what do I tell you to do when you got there? He said, call him. He said, well, then why don't you call him, not me.

And he called me. He said, now what do I do? And I prayed again. And I said to him, finish what you started.

You got your list. Now it's time to do that second and third call. I've shown you how to do that. When you're through with that, call me back. Months went by. Because he knows I mean it. Don't call me till you're through. Well, then in the last month, we have had one of those rocketing into the fourth dimension experiences.

Are we running out of time again? Go! Ten. About a month ago, he called me and he said, I'm through with the first three columns. And so I became immediately available, had him come over that day. We went over that business in between, taught him how to pray there, and then go home and do that fourth column, which he had never done before, and had resisted. In less than two weeks he was done. I mean he was really done. He was finished.

So I had him out the next day and we began his fifth step. It took two sessions to get it all done. Because it was fairly likely. I'm going to do two or three hours at a time because that's all I can do. I've got it all done. He sent him home to do his own amends list, if you will. Because I'm all in experience, I know that he needs to become willing on his own to know precisely what he did wrong and what he thinks he can do about it, and then have a mind open enough to say he may have missed something here.

So he can be open to any feedback the person needs. We got all that done and he came back and he's got the whole eight step thing written out. I mean he's really, I wish he would all behave like he did. And at the top of the list is one he's not really wanting to make. Not wanting to make. It's going to cost him some money and could even put him in jail if it's not done right. He's harmed somebody on a house fire deal. I don't want to get in any detail.

But he harmed an agent by making her look bad in front of her boss. Trying to get some money that really wasn't doing him. It was one of those things that was in the gray area. He had a lawyer and he's pissed off because all he's going to get back is a thousand dollars and it's already costing nine hundred and eighty dollars for the lawyer. And he just doesn't want to make this one. So I prayed about it. I said you might as well go home.

Because if you're not wanting to do this one, none of the rest of them are going to make any sense either. There are other people I would say just pick one and get started and you'll get the power. But in this case that's what came out. He said do this. You go home and write a letter just as if you were willing to say what you're going to say to these people. Then bring it back and let me take a look at it. In the meantime, pray for some willingness. That's what it says to do in the sixth step.

Pray for the willingness. It took a couple days but he called me up and he read the letter to me. It was a masterpiece. He had already cut out the things that would make him look like a good guy and just laid it all out. The agent can't talk to him because he has a lawyer and the insurance agent is not allowed to talk to him. So he can't make it personally and I keep insisting you hurt her face to face. You got to see her face to face.

But he's done. He got it all done. He's laid it out on the line. He's fired his lawyer and he's free. Now the rest of them are going to go shoo. We're going to have a tiger by the tail. It's going to shake everybody in Dandere because they've been watching him for years and he's a go out and start over. Go out and start over. Go out and start over. He is on fire. I am in love with the way the process works. All I did was pray at each juncture.

What do I do here? Because that's what I've been told to do here. Each specific instance. The next guy I may

say here let me help you with that. Let me go with you on this one. You never know so stay open to that. I try to use the principles not the letter of the law but the spirit of the law. Because I don't want to kill anybody. Now I've yammered long enough on this kind of thing. I know these guys have a good deal to say.

We want to push on because we've still got to make some amends. That's a tear trigger.