

THE ROOT CANAL

TOPIC: Core Leader phone calling

Training

Glenna comes out of dentist office and gets in her car. She has a huge piece of gauze in her mouth from a root canal. She gets herself situated in the car. She is complaining under her breath about making phone calls to her group.

(The first part of this skit was extremely funny because of Glenna's delayed reaction and her slurred speech due to the gauze in her mouth)

GLENNA Hi Estelle. This is Glenna your core leader.

ESTELLE Hi Glenna. You don't sound so well. Are you okay?

GLENNA Well, no, not really. I

ESTELLE You must have just had your root canal.

GLENNA Yes....How did you know?

ESTELLE Well, you mentioned it last week in class and I've been praying for you.

GLENNA You have?

ESTELLE Yes, I have.

GLENNA For me?

ESTELLE Yes, for you. And aren't you sweet to call me even when you're obviously in such pain! You're certainly a dedicated leader.

GLENNA I am?

ESTELLE Yes, you are. I pray for you daily! I know how busy you must be trying to balance a family and serve as a core leader at CBS. You probably get discouraged – and feel overwhelmed at times – like when you are trying to make phone calls to everyone in our group.

GLENNA I do – I do. How did you know that?

ESTELLE How did I know that? Well, I remember how hectic life used to be as a young mother – balancing my time between my husband, kids, school, church and work. Sometimes I felt like I wasn't doing anything well.

GLENNA That's how I feel. I'm doing a terrible job. Especially with these phone calls!

ESTELLE I don't think you are doing a terrible job. Have I told you how much your phone calls have meant to me? Since I don't get out much anymore and I'm by myself, most of the time (except for CBS) hearing the voice of a friend over the phone is such a joy. Even the sound of the phone ringing brings a leap of expectation "I wonder who wants to talk with me?" In the rush of the old days it was more of a sense of dread like "Oh no, who is it THIS time?" Granted, these days it's more often a telemarketer – so I try to give them a kind word. I don't think they get many of those.

So when you take time out of your busy day to call me that tells me that I'm special to you. And talking with you lets me know how I can pray for you and encourage you.

In fact, I would love to pray for you right now.

GLENNA You would?

ESTELLE Yes, I would.

GLENNA Right now?!

ESTELLE Yes, Right now.

GLENNA Okay.

ESTELLE Lord, I want to thank you for Glenna and her obedience to you in serving in your Bible study. I thank you for her phone call. Right now, I ask that you would ease the pain that she is feeling from the root canal. Also, Father, relieve her feelings of inadequacy and frustration as she tries to carry such a full load. I pray that she would put that load into your hands – and depend on you for her strength and guidance. I pray that your Holy Spirit will empower Glenna to fulfill all of the responsibilities of her day. May her time spent WITH you enable her to carry out her service FOR you. May she be continually tuned into your Holy Spirit as her power source. Be her source

of help, wisdom, truth, conviction, grace and love. Use her to show YOUR love to others. In Christ's name...Amen.

GLENNA Estelle, thank you! This has been my best phone call ever!

ESTELLE Hopefully you have completed your calls and can go home and rest.

GLENNA Actually, no! I'm going to start all over!!