

May 2009 Co Meeting

Big Ears!

I would like all the corporate representatives here to close your ears! It is embarrassing but I do not want them to hear, I got a speeding ticket this week. I know better! It is not only embarrassing but costly. So why am I sharing that?

Well first of all WELCOME! We are excited that you are now part of what God is doing in and through Hobby Lobby. If you know it or not, you are an answer to prayer and I know for sure each of you have been prayed for.

I believe I truly have the best job in the company; a company that believes in the Word of God to the point that a position like this is available for each of you to assist in your walk with God. I work with the management teams in helping those that have a desire to be used of God in the market place. You are here because of your skills and experience and nothing else. So we do not want to make anyone uncomfortable when we talk about the goodness of God.

I want to encourage you to have big ears!

Isn't that why you are here in OKC? To learn about the culture of Hobby Lobby. You already know about retail. But it will not take you long to understand, that this company is different. You are here to ask questions and to meet people, and hopefully when you leave here tomorrow you will leave with assurance in your heart that this is the place for you.

Big Ears! As Ken Haywood mentions so much....Big ears to hear

1. What God is saying
2. What supervisors are saying

Big ears to hear...to listen and learn.

Listen means making an effort to hear, to take something into account. And follow through.

As David G. declares: "Follow Instructions" Simple but takes effort.

I knew the speed limit. But I did not follow it....it cost me.

Not listening in any area of life will cost you.

### **Proverbs 1:5 (King James Version)**

"A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:"

Wise: to make sensible decisions and show good judgment.

So what does that mean? If you are wise you will listen and learn. Listen to what God's Word has to say.

I know many of us in here can remember back when we did not listen when we made the wrong decision but today is a new day. Yesterday is gone. Leave here determined with God's help you will make it.

I am sure there are many reasons why you are in transition in your life at this time but I would like to pray with you.

Father, I thank You for each person in this room. Thank You for directing their steps. Thank You for leading and guiding each of us. I ask that You be with every family that is represented here. Touch their wives, husbands, children and grand children. May Your name be exalted in each of these lives? Thank You for what you are doing. And help us all have big ears to hear from you, in Jesus Name, Amen.