

Relationships are difficult: Once we admit this we can begin to take on the hard work of relationships in a productive way.

Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.

Thomas Edison

We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard! Because the challenge is one we are willing to accept...

JFK – Sept. 1962 Rice University

Take on the challenge of hard work in relationships by...

Being your own person: It starts with you.

⁸ Boaz replied, “I’ve been told all about what you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband – how you left your father and mother and your homeland and came to live with a people you did not know before. May the Lord repay you for what you have done.”

Ruth 2:11-12 NIV

Risking difficult conversations: Don’t avoid communication.

In the middle of the night something startled the man, and he turned and discovered a woman lying at his feet. “Who are you?” he asked. “I am your servant Ruth,” she said. “Spread the corner of your garment over me, since you are a kinsman-redeemer.” “The Lord bless you, my daughter,” he replied. “This kindness is greater than that which you showed earlier: You have not run after the younger men, whether rich or poor. And now, my daughter, don’t be afraid. I will do for you all you ask...”

Ruth 3:8-11 NIV

Intentional and purposeful maintenance: Be strategic in your efforts to maintain healthy relationships.

Then Boaz said, “On the day you buy the land from Naomi and from Ruth the Moabitess, you acquire the dead man’s widow, in order to maintain the name of the dead with his property.” At this, the kinsman-redeemer said, “Then I cannot redeem it because I might endanger my own estate. You redeem it for yourself. I cannot do it.”

Ruth 4:5-6 NIV