



Pastor's Message

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Peter Drucker, an Austrian author and educator of the 20th century, offered a very interesting observation about communication. He stated, “The most important thing in communication is to hear what isn’t being said.”

How do you and I consistently do as Mr. Drucker recommended? Dan Rockwell penned a short reflection on that topic. You can find it online. The title is “Hearing what isn’t said.” In summary, he advocated,

1. Hear intent of the speaker
2. Hear assumptions of the speaker.
3. Hear the speaker’s non-verbal gestures.

A fascinating example of proof of Drucker’s observation and Rockwell’s practical implementation of it can be identified in the Gospel of John, Chapter 8, and Verses 1-11. It is the story of the Woman Caught in Adultery.

Listen to the intent of the speaker attempting to lay out a trap for Jesus.
Listen to the assumptions of others – the woman and the crowd.

Listen to the “non-verbal gestures” of Jesus.

Indeed, we speak with more than words! If we carefully “tune in” on the speaker, then we may be of immense help to him/her. We’ll be fulfilling our call as a brother or sister uniting ourselves to the person who may be in more need than his/her words spoken.

Peace,
Fr. Marc