



CARE CONVERSATIONS

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FROM  
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Dear Friend,

Have you ever been in the presence of someone who was a genuine elder of the faith? In this next series of *Care Conversations*, Stephen reflects on his time with one of the elder statesmen of the faith, and of Christian Schooling - the Rev Bob Frisken (AM). The context was Bob teaching a group of teachers in Kalaymyo, Myanmar. They soon fell in love with Bob's wisdom, love and care. We hope that you can see glimpses of this through this set of *Care Conversations*.

Sincerely,

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## ELDER STATESMEN OF THE FAITH

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BE IMITATORS OF GOD

How do we know what is happening in our hearts, and the hearts of others? We become, amongst other things, honest observers of our behaviours. Paul understood this. He also understood that to be a Christian was to be more than a person with empty words, or knowledge *about* being set apart to be different. To be real, to be truth in love, how we live must be different.

What are the critical aspects of this difference? We are to be different to how we would live without Christ. We are also, collectively, to be seen for doing good to others, even if they disagree with our faith. Thus, proper expression of: our sexuality; our use of money; and our use of language, are all everyday litmus tests of what is happening in our individual and collective hearts.

Rejoicing in God's love, mercy and holiness is a much better substitute for immorality, greed and coarseness. Let's pray for more and more of that rejoicing in our communities today.

Grace and peace,

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