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I would like to give you an example of my reluctance to pray. In 2004, I was negotiating a contract, and it was with a Korean company. The man that came to see me knew very little English, and I know no Korean. Every time I said something, we each had to repeat it four times. After four hours we were tired and hungry, and I ask him what he would like to eat. He said, "Fast food." I said, "What do you mean, like Churches Chicken, Whataburger, or Taco Bell?" He replied, "Yes, I love fast food!"

So we went to Whataburger. While waiting on our food, I silently started negotiating and arguing with God. I said, "Lord can I pray silently this time because I know he is a Buddhist, and I know I will have to repeat everything four times." Immediately the Holy Spirit quickened my heart – "He hung naked on a cross." Okay, okay, I get it. I will pray.

Our food came and I told Joshua that I was going to pray for our food. He said, "What?" I said, "I'm going to bless our food." Joshua said, "What?" Putting my hands together and pointing to God, I said, "I'm going to pray to God." I pointed at the food, "And bless our food." He frowned and said, "Okay." I prayed and ended with in Jesus name. Amen.

I looked up. He was still frowning and said, "So you a Christian?" I said, "Yes I am." He smiled and said, "So am I." He was a new Christian, and he told me his wife prayed for him before he left for the United States that he would meet a Christian businessman. I was his last stop in the US and he said, "I was the only Christian he had met the whole time in the United States." If I had been lazy, his wife's prayer wouldn't have been answered or realized. His faith as well as mine wouldn't have been built, and he would not been able to say he had met a Christian businessman. When we got back to my office, I got everything I'd asked for and more.

Jesus showed me that I can't speak in someone's life with any authority and validity until I have invested myself in that person's life. We have to make a friend, be a friend, and lead a friend to Christ.

I our lives our environments are made up of individuals and groups. And by the grace of God, we are given opportunities and responsibilities. Christ is in all these environments, and He gives us the opportunities to affect our surroundings. Remember it's not what we have to do. It's we get to do.

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