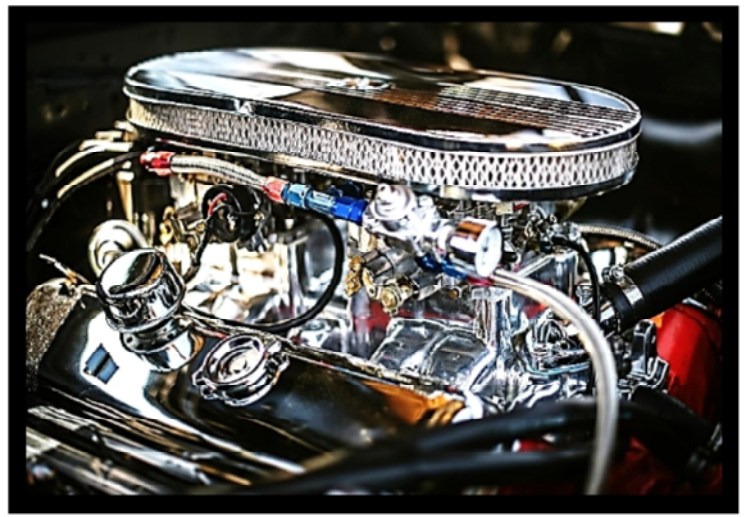


"LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



DISCONNECTION

Which one of these mixtures of motor parts is most likely to work? The few disconnected, disassembled with bits missing collection, or the fully assembled, all parts connected shiny motor? The answer is obvious.

Everyday news media is full of stories of disconnection in our society, communities, families, marriages, personal relationships and friendships. Disconnects between parent and child, partners, brothers and sisters, neighbours, law-makers and "the people". Everywhere, disconnect. Why? Have we become more focused on "Me" than "Us"?

Some time ago, I decided I could fix an electric drill. I am now the not-so-proud owner of a box of drill parts. I'm still hoping one day to find those two missing screws. When a part of society, be it community, family or friend, becomes disconnected, a part that makes the whole work becomes lost.

Can lost parts be found and reconnected? I believe they can. How? I believe one man in particular shows how, not tells how, but shows how. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, who wrote in the New Testament, give accounts of Jesus, the son of the God of gentle love, reconnecting people first with the God who loves us all. He then reconnected family members with each other, friends with friends, and community wherever connections and relationships had been broken.

He interacted with people who were disconnected and lost. He changed the focus from "Me" to "You" to "Us", and he did it in a way that they could understand in their time and manner.

In today's world of judgment and rush, one of our most significant social and inter-relational issues is the feeling of being disconnected and judged as a person of no consequence, someone who does not matter, someone to be overlooked.

If this is YOU, talk to God or Jesus about it out loud or in your thoughts. He hears either. He tells us himself, "Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you." (**Jeremiah 29:12**) He also promises, "Call on me when you are in trouble, and I will rescue you, and you will give me glory" (**Psalms 50:15**)

For more examples of Jesus' interaction with disconnected people, you might like to check this web link. <https://bible.org/illustration/how-jesus-interacted-people>

God bless,
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