



The Forecast

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Scripture: *Genesis 4:2–9 (NIV84); Psalm 62:11*

Preparation

- *What do I want them to do?*
Ask three people this question: What's it like to be on the other side of me?
- *What do I want them to remember?*
The forecast in relationships remains the same until the climate begins to change.
- *How can I show it in addition to saying it?*
Show the Steve Jobs photo.
- *What is the single, most persuasive idea?*
What's it like to be on the other side of me?

Introduction

1. Tim's story: "Is there a secret to why everyone loves working for you?" His 360 report. "I was devastated." HR friend: "This can be a curse or a blessing. It's up to you." "I decided to listen and learn from what they were saying. I think what you're hearing is the decision to see that feedback as a blessing."
2. Tim's story is relevant to all of us. Everyone here today represents a collection of relationships. In each of those relationships there is a climate—at work, home, family, friends, small group.
3. Climate dictates forecast.
4. Like Tim though, we aren't as aware of the climate as we think we are. So, I came up with a great idea (huge kudos to our Web team for helping make this possible).
5. Today, at all of our churches, we have set up computer kiosks in the lobby. When you leave we are asking you to go to the computers and type in ten email addresses of friends, co-workers, your spouse, etc., along with your email address.
6. This week we are going to send a survey out to those ten people asking them what it's like to work with you, be married to you, be your child, etc. Then, in a few days, the survey will be sent back to you.
7. The feedback will be anonymous, of course, to protect the innocent. But what this means is that by this time next week, you will REALLY know what the people in your life think about you! How 'bout that idea?