

TALKING POINTS



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Letting Our Differences Strengthen Instead of Divide

God designed our individuality not to separate us but to bring us together. A path toward more meaningful communication and better relationships begins with empathy, grace, and understanding.

But what about connecting with people you've tried everything with? What if "we're just too different"?

Connecting Across Differences answers these questions, and more:

- How can I live more authentically and vulnerably in my relationships?
- What does it look like to embrace differences?
- Why do I feel so disconnected?
- How does the knowledge of *imago dei* change our relationships?
- What does compromising truly mean?
- How can learning someone's story change everything?
- Why can't everyone just think like I do?
- How do different people navigate differences in relationships?
- What is downplaying ourselves, and why is it harmful?
- How do the individual qualities that make us who we are reflect the divine?
- Why do we hide the things that set us apart from others?
- How can I find joy in the tension of difference?
- How do we love sacrificially without losing ourselves?

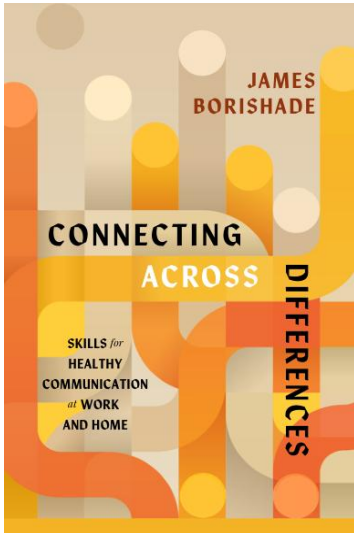


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CEO and Community Leader Shares Hope for Relationships

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Dr. Borishade has a PhD in Christian Leadership from Christian Bible Institute and Seminary and is the founder of Intim8 and IMpower Music. Borishade's work focuses on relationships, reconciliation, identity, and the *imago Dei*. He draws from research and practical experience to foster understanding and healing.

Previously, as CEO of the Association for Challenge Course Technology (ACCT), he led ziplines through explosive growth, from less than ten ziplines in the US to more than 400, while writing safety legislation in seven states and establishing standards adopted by ANSI, ASTM, ISO, and the European Union.

Dr. Borishade has delivered transformational presentations to Fortune 500 companies, ministry organizations, and leadership conferences across the country, speaking on:

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