

JUNE 6, 2023

Missouri Meeting of friends and workers

Four Workers were in attendance at this meeting

Craig Winquist, Greg Mynear, Cheri Fisk and Bertha Magsam

Between 50-75 of the friends attended from around the state of Missouri

It was very evident the Holy Spirit was present at this meeting. Please understand fallible humans put together this transcript to the best of their ability. The meeting lasted 3 full hours so it is hard to capture it all and we wanted as many voices as possible to be put into this document.

June 4, 2023 Meeting about CSA –

Elder wife Opened with Prayer

Elder begins:

Thank you all for coming. My hopes in facilitating this meeting is to increase open and honest communication regarding what is being done and what needs to be done to keep our children safe in our fellowship. We appreciate the workers being willing to be here to hear our concerns.

It is my hope that we can have an open, safe, constructive and civil discussion that will help our workers and our state and our friends take the necessary steps to recognize and help victims, remove offenders and prevent these abuses in the future.

I want **EVERYONE** here to keep in mind that some here have endured these abuses and have the wounds and scars that they leave. This is **FOR** them and I hope THAT is considered in all questions and comments. They are to be believed and validated and helped. They are not to be preached to or asked to forgive and move on. These are **CRIMES** that have been committed against children, and we all know what it says in scripture about hurting little ones, so telling a victim to just forgive what happened when they were just a child is unfair and heaps more guilt upon their wounds.

I'll give a quick time line of events:

- Since the Dean Bruer story broke the end of March, 18 workers or former workers have been removed from the work &/or fellowship in the US and Canada for Sexual crimes or sexual misconduct
- 13 elders/professing persons have had allegations made or have been charged with sexual crimes and have been dealt with in a variety of ways, some appropriate & some questionable.
- One Canadian sister worker courageously has written of the abuses she has endured and continues to endure in the work
- The folks on the Woodstock convention grounds in New Brunswick, put out a letter publicly clarifying that their own daughter is no longer in the work due to sexual abuse and severe mental trauma, after their letter was published the workers removed the convention from their place for 2023, after much outcry from the friends, the workers reinstated a very minimized version of convention for 3 days.
- An overseer in the Western states is likely to have charges in the days or months ahead
- JUST SINCE MARCHThere have been 400 + perpetrators revealed in the truth including overseers, workers, elders, and friends and new allegations are coming in everyday and are under investigation. Per capita, this appears to be worse than the Catholic church. Every day the internet is filled with new stories of victims of abuse. Some dating back decades. I fear the number of the victims still silent is staggering.

I hope we can stick as closely to the subject of CSA as possible, but I am well aware as many others are, of the underlying causes that have created this culture where it has proliferated and grown to an epidemic level. Addressing this culture is definitely part of the long term solution.

Opening question to Craig: "Do we have a zero-tolerance policy on CSA?"

- Craig: "Yes, it has to be zero. Though it has been assumed that we always have had a zero tolerance."

I was going to start with a different question, but late last night we received a letter that must be read. These victims are not able to attend in person.

An open letter was read as follows:

We are sisters, and we are both victim survivors of child sexual abuse (CSA). We grew up around the Kansas City area, and spent a lot of time with family, especially during the summers, as our parents worked outside of the home. For a couple of summers specifically, in the mid-1990s, we spent time with our aunt Julie Simpson and her husband Rick. Because Julie also worked outside of the home, we were left in the care of Rick during the day. That's when the continual assaults happened, over the course of about two years. It started with him grooming us, and gradually got worse and worse. For those who are unfamiliar, grooming is "when someone builds a relationship, trust and emotional connection with a child or young person so they can manipulate, exploit and abuse them. Children and young people who are groomed can be sexually abused, exploited or trafficked."

This is not language or behavior that we understood at the time, and still we don't understand it, but we certainly know what it is, and that it happened to us. This is behavior that we have seen from Rick towards others as well, and we do know that we are not the only victims of this perpetrator and pedophile, Rick Simpson. It is because of this that we chose to come forward today. Although we can't be there in person at this time, our goal is to stop this abuse from continuing with others. The impact that the trauma of surviving CSA has on a person is FOR A LIFETIME. It is recurrent torture that we have to endure – nightmares and triggers, and a severe and deep, and seemingly insurmountable fear of trusting others.

For about 25 years we have been silenced – by the workers and by the friends of this fellowship. All of this came out for the first time while the abuse was still happening, and once our parents found out, we immediately separated ourselves from Rick and Julie. Rick was approached, and although he tearfully admitted to inappropriate behavior, he didn't tell the whole truth. Although counseling through the school began, it suddenly all came to a screeching halt, but we never knew why. Several years later, the wounds were ripped open again, and this time, more people found out, but still, it was all swept under the rug. We were strongly (mis)guided against going to the authorities and letting the law take care of it. So again, we were silenced – told to forgive and forget. We even had one sister worker, Glenda Pickering, tell us blatantly that it was our fault. She pinned our mother against the wall in our own home, and verbally berated her, until another sister came to our mother's rescue.

Through the years our parents informed each new worker that came into our field, and each time begged them to take meeting out of his home, and take him out of the meetings and keep him away from conventions, so he couldn't hurt anyone else. Every time, they were denied. There are at least eight workers that knew of the abuse, and didn't do ANYTHING.

We have had to sit in special meetings and conventions with him throughout the years, and every time, it was torture. Watching him "undress women with his eyes," seeing him watching the children at the playground at convention, watching him be praised for all of his helpfulness to the friends and workers for conventions and special meetings. All the while, knowing that this man is a pedophile, and feeling completely powerless to stop him.

No longer. "Time heals all wounds" and "forgive and forget" will no longer silence us. We believe very strongly that God is shining His light on all of this at this time for His purpose. We believe He has moved us to come forward. And our only goal in all of this is to get the abuse to stop. Because other victims before us were silenced, we were victimized. We don't want that awful vicious cycle to continue, so we are speaking out. We know there are other victims. Some we have heard their stories personally, others have been told to us by third parties, and unfortunately we believe there are even more out there who have not yet come forward. We are coming to you today to encourage

you to come forward. Know that you are loved, and you have more support than you can imagine. We know it's not easy, we're walking this out right now. But we are here for you, and we will fight with you. Come forward and help us to get our voices heard so that all of the abuse, deceit, and lies come to a stop. THERE MUST BE ACTION. The church covering up the abuse HAS TO STOP.

The workers being allowed to "handle" these situations has to stop. They are not qualified for that. It MUST be reported to the law, and left in the law's hands.

– The Priest sisters, Jennifer Westerman and Angela deBoer

***Later in the meeting the Priest girls sent in a message of clarification in defense of their parents. The authorities were informed. In fact, child services called our mother and Pat Johnson, who was a worker, was with her at the time. The school counselor told us that a police officer would be coming, but it never happened. and all of the sudden everything stopped and went away, so somewhere in this obstruction of justice happened.*

- Craig in response – “What do you say? It is true. It seems like God is directing this and it is a divine wind. The Lord really wants to prepare his people to be his bride. We simply have to remove what he can't tolerate. For too many years it has been swept under the rug. The carpet can't cover any more. We have to face reality. We need to fix what's broken. We need to provide help for the victims. We've provided space and help for the perpetrators, but not the victims. Why? Perpetrators are easier to define. On the other side of the coin is the victim. They may not say anything for over 20 years... their pathway to healing is unique and doesn't have a timeline. They have been living in an internal agony. Craig states he has been reading a book written by a sexual abuse victim.
- We all need to be educated:
- Workers need to look after one another and not be here to just protect each other
- Parents take responsibility for their children.

Craig – What is the path forward? An admission – we are sorry where this has been mishandled, wrongly handled, etc. We want to do the right thing. We aren't here to protect one another.

What kind of changes will we institute? Not sure at this time what will make a difference over the long-term. If someone comes forward, we automatically assume it's true. Only 5% of cases are false accusations. We have to assume that 100% are true because of this until investigations could find out otherwise.

- We realize people have every right not to trust the workers, and yet that is an important part of what we are about. Trust is part of a marriage – if you lose trust, the relationship will fall apart. It means new procedures will help build more trust. And hope that in the long-term, the worker's conduct will prove that they can be trusted.

Who investigates what? Craig – we need to avoid all conflict of interests. Should the workers investigate workers? Probably not. Turned over to third parties and professional investigators. We must accept whatever that investigator would come up with as a solution.

- What part do overseers have? Seems like they've been a big part of the problem. Craig previously dealt with a situation in Minnesota and felt he needed to write a letter. And if other workers felt it was wrong, he was willing to lose his place. We have to have courage to “write the letter.” If we lose our place because people misunderstand us, God knows, and we can stay sure in that reality.

Craig wants to listen mostly and allow this to be like a town hall.

Open Time to share and ask – only Craig or the workers were named in the below. If it was the same person speaking or same story, an effort was made for the thoughts and sub thoughts to be under the initial statement.

- There are a variety of perspectives on the internet. Some say you shouldn't question workers at all, ever. And then others who want to see this fellowship break down and would bring accusations (whether true or false) against everyone.
- 2007, Tim Severud Minnesota case, (Tim was Craigs companion at the time) the letter Craig wrote: he informed people well it seemed for the time, however the letter was a *month* after the arrest. The man was in prison for a while, and then released as a level 3 predator. (level 3 is then explained as the worst of the worst) Craig stated the man would not be put in a meeting but would only be in a meeting with everyone's knowledge of his history.
 - Craig response - we (Lyle Schoeber) told him to turn himself into the police. He said "I need time to get things together," the workers monitored that and then a week later, he turned himself in.
 - a friend reports: There was a 911 call made from NE Minnesota about the issue soon after the abuse was made known, by sister worker who was aware of the situation.
 - Craig states, he wasn't aware of a 911 call being made
 - Craig was asked why, he, as Tim's companion, he didn't report Tim to the authorities.
 - Craig said Tim needed to tie up some loose ends, which he did for a week, he states at the time he didn't know it was mandatory to report
 - Craig is asked if he loves little children, we know God loves little children, and if he does love little children why would he not report it and let Tim have a week to do some things? Why do you have to be told it is mandatory?
 - Craig stated we told him to turn himself in, if he hadn't we would have then taken him in
 - Craig was asked : had you not taken ministry safe before this?
 - Craig states no
 - Craig wasn't sure where the perpetrator was exactly for the week in between when he was tying things up. He was not in the homes at that time, but Craig wasn't sure where he went.
 - Response shared: You can't tell someone "go turn yourself in." It is a **crime** to not turn someone else in. Several nurses speak up that have been nurses for over 30 years, that they have known for 30 years it is against the law to not report. It is also stated that we know we cannot change what happened in the past and that we all make mistakes, but The goal is to hear that lessons have been learned by the workers and everyone from these past cases.
 - Craig acknowledges that things have been learned he also states "sometimes the legal system helps us and sometimes it doesn't"
 - Craig moved in 2008, and didn't follow up with other scenarios.
 - *There is a concern by folks about meeting being taken out of homes of people who refuse to meet with someone because of their past.*
 - Tim has been back in fellowship since release from prison Craig reports that specific non child meeting was created for him however, then Craig reports There was a situation where a traveling family came, didn't call ahead and children were present in a meeting where there was a predator. The meeting was set up specifically for that individual, some people in the meeting took chaperone training as well.
 - Concern is shared of having perpetrators in ANY fellowship, as there are risks and it really should not be.
 - concern is that while education is good, it should not take classes to know what is morally best in the interest of protecting children and reporting
- Concern shared that Craig even had a concern about losing his place as a worker in the above story, for being direct and for sharing the letter. People (the church body) want to make sure there isn't that culture. We don't want the workers who are trying to

cover up a situation to be the ones who are holding accountability, or to kick other workers out who try to take it to the authorities. Craig stated "I'm not loyal to being overseer. I'm loyal to you all." I want to work with my fellow overseers, but my first priority is to you all and to my staff

- The coworkers are expected to support one another, but also to make sure one another is accountable.
- Concern that the education will help bring awareness, but also will help perpetrators hide.
- Concern is shared why people even go to the workers, a female friend says, often it has went to workers because a worker has been a perpetrator and then often it has the appearance that overseers are colluding to cover for the crimes of their coworker.
- Concern about worker movement from field to field with little knowledge sharing. There must have been someone who knew a worker was getting counseling for CSA, and yet that worker was still in charge of Convention Preps, in Montana, even just recently. There could be charges in both Canada and Montana. There are victims in both areas he was at.
- Specific scenario from STL area dealt with it in the meeting – after the parent got over his rage, he made a call to the sheriff, and got a restraining order. Then went to the DA. They went to the sheriff first and talked to the workers second. We need to be transparent about all things. This individual was a problem in multiple states (with women of all ages). We can't afford to not be involved in people's business.
 - The head worker wasn't aware of it, and had to call the former worker to become aware of it.
 - The elders of the meeting need to be very aware of it.
 - We trust people who come to meetings and it needs to be communicated effectively and transparently. Encourage accountability on multiple levels.
 - "We need to be able to talk about this and not to say, "you don't have the right spirit" when we try and have transparency and accountability.
 - About 3 months after, some of the older folks felt sorry for the perpetrator and wanted him to come to meeting. Accommodations once again were made for a perpetrator
 - We need to be able to reach outside our fellowship too for knowledge base, because this is a knowledge issue. Not a spiritual issue. Workers don't have the knowledge and they need our help as friends that have different backgrounds as well. We need experts to work on these issues.
- Wife of the individual above – when they reported it to the authorities, she had to go before a judge and listen to the letter that was read (*unclear what the letter was?*) and was told to press charges.
 - You cannot depend on the justice system only. They're bogged down with many cases.
 - Please do also pray for forgiveness for your own soul's sake and for the sake of the soul of the other.
- Put information out there for the experts to decide. "I don't want someone to get in trouble," isn't an excuse. They may not get in trouble, but at least it starts the process.
- Pediatrician spoke who has expertise in the field of the justice system and what it looks like:
 - It took one patient a year before it was reported. A physical examination was then done. They report their whole story once as protocol. It isn't specific that they ask who the perpetrator is until it comes to the officers later. Then juvenile officers, social workers, and child abuse doctors are involved. They frequently have to go to court. Perpetrators frequently are good at lying. The legal system takes a while, so it takes a long time for people to see "justice" as they see fit. You also want to be cautious of not causing more trauma to the people who are victims.

- If something doesn't get "justice" it doesn't always mean it was squashed by the church or the workers. If it is reported it could be the bogged down system too.
- There are silos in the business world – when an entity is so big that there are entities inside the larger body that don't communicate together. There are silos that the workers and friends fall into, elders, gendered, etc. The only way to break down silos is protocol. There needs to be a protocol that everyone is aware of. Whether a council or a group of people who get together to figure out the protocol is important. Unless protocol is put into place, nothing will change.
 - As a teacher, if you don't report, you not only lose your job, but license, and you can't go to another district. You can't go to teach somewhere else.
- There will still be perpetrators in the future, elderly victim shares her appreciation for the young folks taking a stand and being at the mtg.
- We need to reframe and rethink – there have been so many victims that have been given their space and they lost out of fellowship because they weren't given help. They were given too much space. Shared a concern for sister workers who have all been reporting these instances but silenced and have been victims themselves
- Constantly making statements of how parents have to be vigilant is frustrating also, because most parents have been overprotective to the point of resentment by our children, we need them to be in a place where it is safe to be kids.
- Concern shared for when meetings have been taken out of homes but not for good reasons, but for control. If reporting issues has been punished by less influence.
- Nurse in a prison hospital: "See something, you have to report it."
 - Missouri's mandated reporter law was read
 - Does this say that Missouri's prison system cares more for their prisoners than we care for our children? Hopefully not.
 - God is giving us the opportunity to present ourselves blameless, and this is a stain we have to clean.
 - What does a predator look like? It isn't the scary individual, or the stranger. It is the one who is charismatic, well kept, and kind. The ones who if they have a claim made against them might make you say, "no that isn't possible."
- Greg Mynear: If you go to the workers only, you also are responsible if you're a mandated reporter. If you come to the workers, that's okay, that's necessary to share with the friends, but that isn't the end of the line. But FIRST go to the law please! We all answer to God on all of this.
 - We have to go to the authorities on certain things.
 - If someone comes to the workers, the workers have to report it.
 - "when you all let us in your homes it tells your children that you trust us."
- There is a group that is forming, hopefully in each state, made up of mothers and fathers, that individuals can go to for safe places to report. If you're interested they can contact Nadine Mead, she and Calvin know some that are working to facilitate that. This is very early and very grass roots.
 - Concern about Dean Breuer case, +400 people now have allegations
- One frustration that was shared was that the Dean Bruer case was dumped on elders to share the Dean Breuer case, and some of them didn't want to tell the case. And the wife of the elder went to a trusted sister worker who told her to stay quiet.
 - The sister worker said "Teach your children not to tempt the workers," and that's wrong.
- Job said, "I made a covenant with my eyes," and that's applicable to a husband and wife. "I see a lot of beautiful women, but my commitment is to one." This isn't about others tempting men or what they're wearing... "this boils down to adults controlling themselves."
- Joshua and his battles in the old testament – Some cities had different instructions. The first city, it was devoted to destruction, but some of it was held back by someone. And

that stopped the people from having victory until it was fully dealt with and put away. This is necessary.

- California and Georgia are working on codes of conduct for workers. They were passed around for people to look at.
- There is a cultural problem with our church if some people felt they'd be looked at poorly for going to this meeting. The culture of fear needs to stop. That perpetuates silence and covering things up. I heard many different reactions to me coming today, from fear to anger to support.
- Some people who suffered abuse didn't feel they could bring it up to their own parents, because it wouldn't be believed. Our culture needs to change!
- Where does this go nationwide and in other states?
 - Letter from Scott Rauscher (spelling?) in Montana, about a worker who has recently been removed. He was undergoing counselling for pedophilia while in the work.
- "Troubling that there are friends who don't want to hear about this anymore" but we need to have this be communicated because some of these workers have been in Missouri. And some people still don't know.
 - Names listed were Ken Pinney, Jeff Thayer, LeRoy Sanford, Kingsley, Doug Ogden – all have some kind of accusation against them, but it hasn't been communicated yet.
 - Even if they've been visitors, how do we let people know about this?
 - Request that we can share "are we doing everything we can to communicate this issue state to state, country to country, etc."
 - Many many friends speak out that communication needs to happen, friends are willing to help!
 - The communication between states, we need to know that
- Our attempt is to restore credibility and trust in our workers. Right now, people don't know who is who, and it's hard to have trust in the workers.
 - Not all problems are CSA, some are morality issues.
- How do we communicate proactively? Nothing has been sent out. We want to see improvement.
- A story from Dubai – the people in Bangladesh are very rude in practice. The same people go to Dubai and are upstanding citizens because they know they can't get away with it. If people know they can't get away with CSA into our fellowship, it will stop.
- For those who are making these mistakes, the only way they will benefit is to face the consequence of their actions.
 - If love is the core of our belief, it isn't very loving to not make and take the steps to hold people accountable.
- A sister victim shared her story and how hard it was to go back home and constantly face her abuser at meetings, and listen her whole life about the excuses for his sick behavior, she stated we have to be aligned with God, we need to get deep in our prayer life and pray for overseers that they be aligned with God, for everyone. If we are ALL aligned with God (she states she doesn't like to use the phrase "the truth") because Jesus is THE WAY, if we all get aligned changes will come
- Someone shared that her son was attacked as a child and she went to the workers instead of the authorities and she is now sorry that's how she handled it. She loves the truth and it's all she has. It's time to build. Tearing down truth isn't the answer. We have to address meanness in our own homes too, not just CSA. She stated she is an addict, she does not now use the substance she is addicted to, however she will forever be an addict and Pedophiles are addicts and they cannot be CURED they will forever be addicted to children.
- We need a code of conduct for the elders too. Example: If a communication has been requested to go out, it does go out.
 - We also need to keep God in the center of our solution.
 - There is a beauty to our fellowship being organic and things not all being black and white. CSA is a very black and white issue. But we need to allow

for communication standards that provide flexibility so the workers and friends can be moved by the spirit.

- “I just want to know that changes are being made so that abuses of power cannot keep happening.”
 - He was told to keep things at home. Wants people to know that we can talk about the hard things. If changes need to be made, we can't be afraid to have those changes either.”
- Bertha, “The fear of the lord tendeth to life. They that have it shall be satisfied.” Her parents would take them outside and talk to them about God. If you teach a child the fear of God before age 6, it will take them through life. With God we are responsible. We don't want to plan without the spirit of God. The workers don't limit themselves to the place they have, but are in touch with others who are planning for the place of the workers. “We are first of all responsible to God and his spirit. So I'm trusting in the guidance, even of those who are planning for us, and they're guided by the Spirit.”
- We're here because we love children and our faith. And we want to be defenders of both. When we know better, we can do better. It's nice when we can be sheltered from the evil in the world, but when we know better we can do better. Appreciated the practical solutions we've talked about.
 - Want the workers to feel comfortable coming to us for help as well.
- I would just like an email once in a while. More communication would be great.
- This feels like a transformational meeting – to hear something and know that everyone has the same information, it's helpful.
- “We haven't heard anything,” the lack of communication feels like something is being hidden. It seems like the lack of communication feels like there is something that should be shared that isn't.
 - Some people could be on the fence in their faith, and if someone's soul could be saved by a little communication, why wouldn't you?
 - The sheep feel so nervous when the shepherd or sheep dog is away
 - Offenders could attend meeting virtually as a solution
- I'm very thankful to hear the young voices. I've been struggling more than ever, just with wanting to come to meetings like I used to. Close friends have chosen to walk away, and that's the easy way out. I don't want to take that, but it's hard.
- God hasn't changed and he will never change. The things that have happened have been because of man. And we need to learn how to change.
 - God doesn't keep things in the dark, because he is light.
 - “Why now is this coming out?” Now is the time for them to be revealed because now is the time that the people will stand up and be willing to change.
- When the news about Doug Ogden was accused, someone got a personal phone call from Darla Fisher, letting them know. If an email feels too hard or removed, the phone is also an option. One person can't make all the phone calls. But Darla contacted everyone who came in contact with Doug. And it meant a lot that she brought the news personally as quickly as she could. “It can't wait until the end of the day. The urgency meant a lot to me as a victim and a mother. Communication, in any means possible.”
- Moses and Aaron example: if communication is hard for one, having a coworker who knows how to help is there too. It's helpful for us also to know how to pray for the workers specifically.
 - Even the overseers need companions who can help them with their weaknesses.
 - If it's communication, please be open with your help that's needed.
 - Perfectionism – when we have a culture of perfectionism, then things are more likely to be hidden.
 - The downside of this being the “Truth” or the best/perfect way, is that we strive for perfection and that can help breed a culture of hiding. We need an abundance of grace to help so that there can be transparency, and not perfectionism.

- Craig: We will work with authorities, we are not experts on where people are at. We don't expect that perpetrators ever are really different. You have to keep them from getting in a place that they can hurt people. I don't want to say, "we will never have a pedophile in a meeting," because it may be a controlled place. But they won't be in special meeting, conventions, if they are allowed somehow in a meeting, it will be restricted. Otherwise, we have a virtual option.
- Caring for the victims:
 - That's a big issue. Where are they in their recovery, is it something they do/don't want to talk about? Their feelings have to be considered, and considered more than the perpetrators.
- So many people hear "forgive, forgive, forgive," but what about the victims?
 - Craig states What is realistic for the victim? (From a book Craig read) The victim knew he wanted to and needed to forgive, but he knew his forgiveness wasn't real. Finally, he told his parents and the authorities, and had to go through the whole process. It wasn't until the sense of justice had been served that he felt like he could forgive.
 - Craig states It isn't something that people can be told to do (forgive) it has to come from them, and that needs to be something they come to themselves.
 - Unconditional forgiveness – even God doesn't do that. Some things cannot just be let go. And there are some things that.
- There is a foundation that has been set up by the 3 ladies that have been doing the investigating. There is a sum of money that is there for the victims to reach out and be helped with funding for therapy. You can also donate to that.
- Don't find it appropriate to excommunicate people for speaking up about this issue (with CSA). Want to make sure that isn't the case.
 - Woodstock convention issue – the friends felt it was retaliatory (it was shortened)
 - People have been mistreated, put out, perhaps wrongfully
- Craig: there are people who have left, and those who have been driven out. And I don't worry about those who have been driven out, because God knows their hearts.
 - I have to believe that if we've been mistreated and we take it well, God knows.
 - The only thing that will bring peace is that eternal perspective. And that doesn't mean we don't try to do the best we can while here on this Earth. I can't speak for Canada or all the other places.
- Triangulation by people in power – it's a control and manipulation issue.
- Worrying about punishment:
 - Examples of past eras of black stockings, checking men's hair length at convention to get a haircut, etc.
 - If it's a crime, take them out of fellowship. Beyond crimes, it bothers me that there's punishment going on.
- God knows how to correct people without hurting them and turning them away.
- I know you said you don't have the answers, but the things in the state that are under your (Craig's) control are important.
 - Most people are here because they want to save this ship.
 - The gravity of this is a big deal – the FBI may be involved. Many people could go to federal prison. It's a big deal.
- A transcript will be released that is honest about what has gone on. Please make sure that this has been transcribed in a way that is transparent and kind.