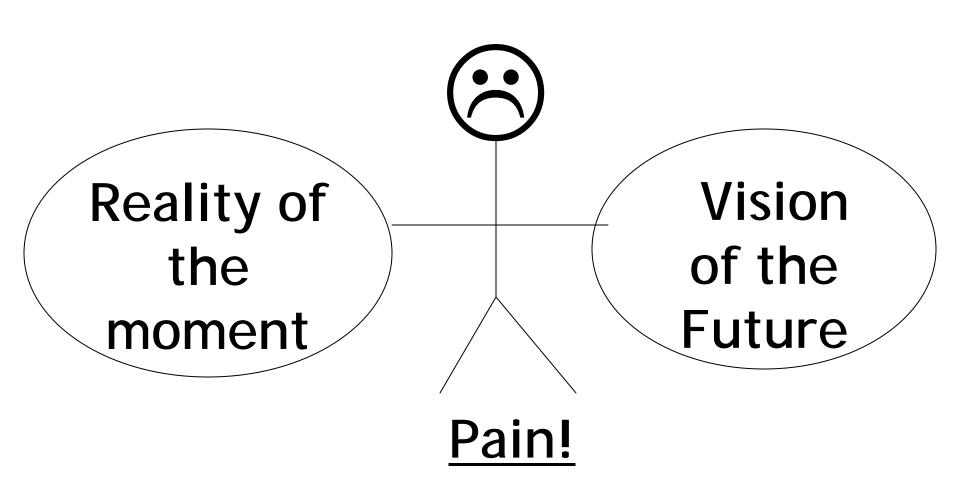
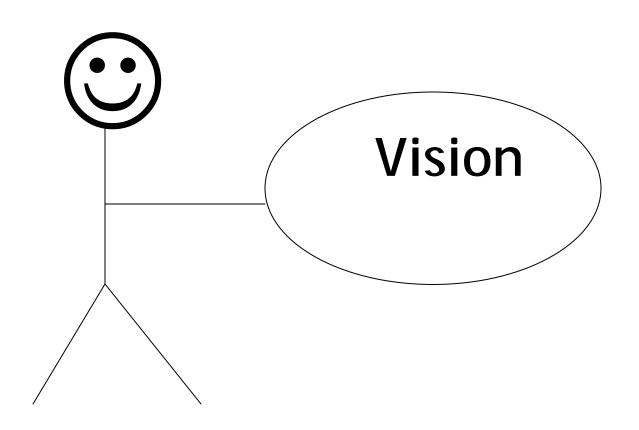
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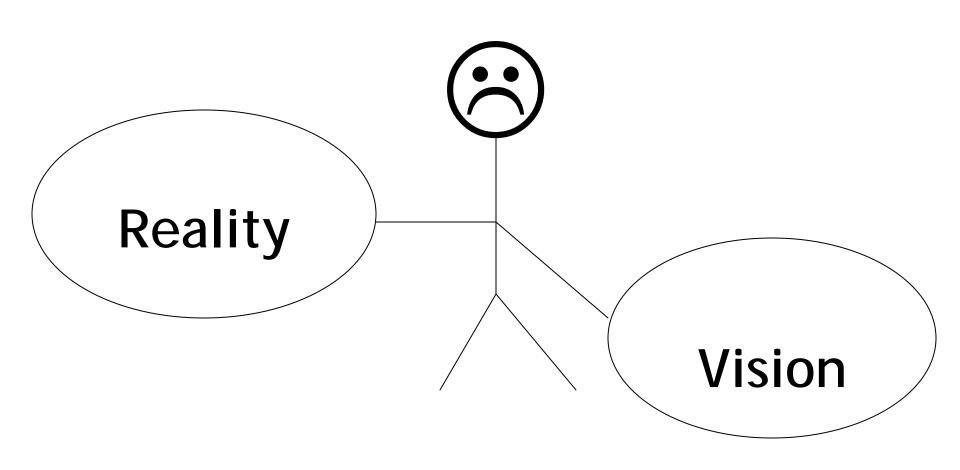
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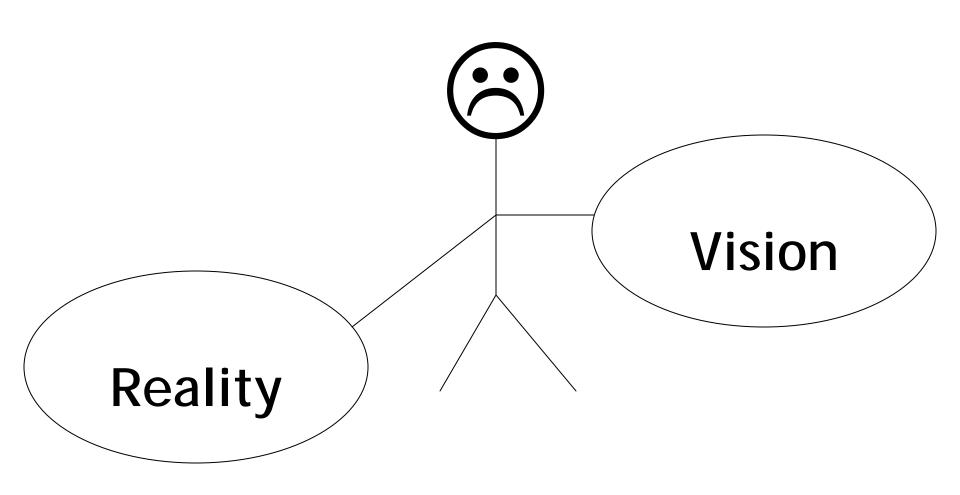
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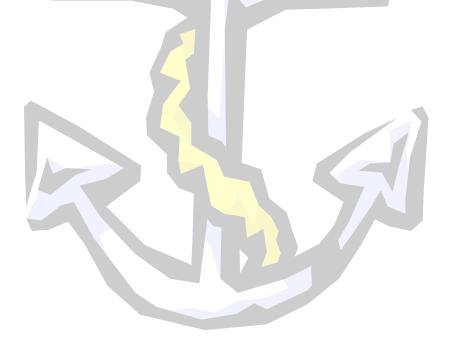
good and godly people often differ on how to reach mutually desired goals...

"Is it possible ... to live and work together as Christians so that our relationships are redemptive and a witness to unbelievers of the reconciling work of God in Christ?"

If "in Christ, all things are made new," then how does our relationship with Christ inform and guide us in the way we lead?

In the midst of these conflicting situations and seemingly irreconcilable differences, what does it mean, really mean, to lead ... with the mind of Christ?

Six "anchors" that hold me steady as a Christian leader . . .





"Speak Gracefully"

- Encourage or discourage
- Uplift or "putdown"
- Speak positively or negatively
- Reflect cultural sensitivity or cultural "blindness"
- Focus on the other person, or focus on self

How do others feel when they leave our presence?

- Stronger or weaker?
- Larger or smaller about themselves?
- Confident or hesitant?
- Understood or misunderstood?
- Affirmed or manipulated?
- Blessed or "destroyed"?

"The praise to criticism ratio"

80 / 20

Remember Anchor #1:

"Speak Gracefully"



We can feel good about ourselves ... until we compare ourselves with the gifts, talents and abilities of <u>other</u> people.

What is the antidote to comparison?

- Gratitude!
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Remember Anchors #1 & #2:

"Speak Gracefully"

"Live Gratefully"



"Listen Intently"

Good and godly people sometimes collide over vision and values.

Theological vision must precede organizational vision.

Growth producing questions:

"What can I learn? How can I change?"

Growth inhibiting questions:

• "Why me? What if ...?"

Remember Anchors #1 & #2 & #3:

"Speak Gracefully"

"Live Gratefully"

"Listen Intently"



Jesus on the cross:

"Father, forgive them, they know not what they do!"

Remember the first four Anchors:

"Speak Gracefully"

"Live Gratefully"

"Listen Intently"

"Forgive Freely"



It is in the *tension* between our <u>vision</u> for the future and the <u>reality</u> of the present that our <u>decision-making</u> as leaders most often takes place!

We move ahead – decisively through

Prayer

Collaboration ...

• Gratitude

In this spirit of humility and brokenness, we move ahead.

To lead decisively with Christian humility demands these skills:

- Listening and communicating;
- Timing and processing;
- Affirming and encouraging;
- Asking and inquiring; and
- Discernment and delegation.

Remember these 5 Anchors:

- "Speak Gracefully"
- "Live Gratefully"
- "Listen Intently"
- "Forgive Freely"
- "Lead Decisively"



Focus on the things that *unite* us, not *divide* us.

I try to enlarge the vision of my people about their work at MVNU. I want them to see the big picture of the university.

I really want . . .

- 1. my words to be grace-giving, lifegenerating and inspiring to others;
- 2. to be known as a person who is forever grateful;

3. to listen to and respect the people with whom I work, to understand them;

4. to initiate forgiveness when I have been offended;

5. to lead decisively with humility even when there are differences of opinion;

my relationship with others to energize and strengthen them in their faith and work.

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