

# Pastor

Real-Relevant-Refreshed

# Honest Preconceptions

- Time Consuming
- Energy Sapping
- Conflicts Growth Agenda
- Overwhelming
- Skill (typology) Specific
- Guilt Inducing

# Apostolic Responses

- Avoidance
- Delegation
- Pastoral Diminishment
- Cultural Hardness
- Imported Healing Models
- Self-Selecting Congregations

# Reviewing Our Calling

Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

John

21:16

# Are we afraid to say what we want?

- Pastoral ministry is 99% reactive
- Pastoral ministry is the most under-imagined ministry in the church today
- Pastoral ministry is the place where you are most likely to find disloyalty, alternative powerbases and disaffection with leadership
- Pastoral ministry is set up to fail in the vast majority of successful and growing churches in the UK

# The 6 P's

- Policy/Plan
- Perimeters
- Protection (See Guilt Session 3)
- Perception
- Personhood (See Perfectionism Session 2)
- Prayer

# Taking Pastoral Care On the Line

Pastoral **care** is dependent upon a pastoral encounter that creates **genuine** proximity between client and carer. The digital world is rich tool in the provision of both encounter and proximity.

# Intimacy

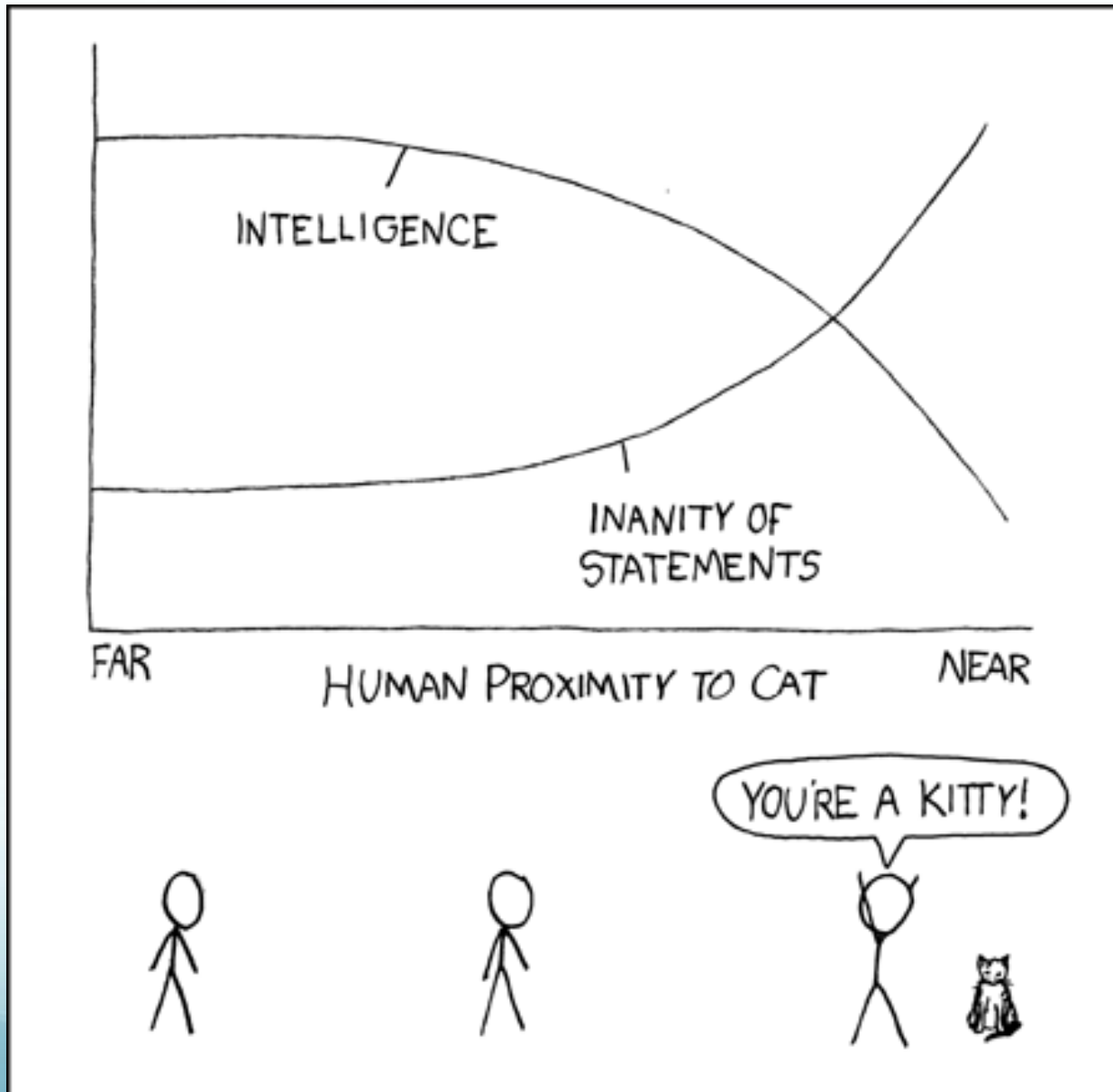
“Technology has become the architect of our intimacies”

Sherry Turkle

Author of: *Alone Together*



# The Proximity Effect:



# The Imposter Pastor:

What are we fake caring  
about today?



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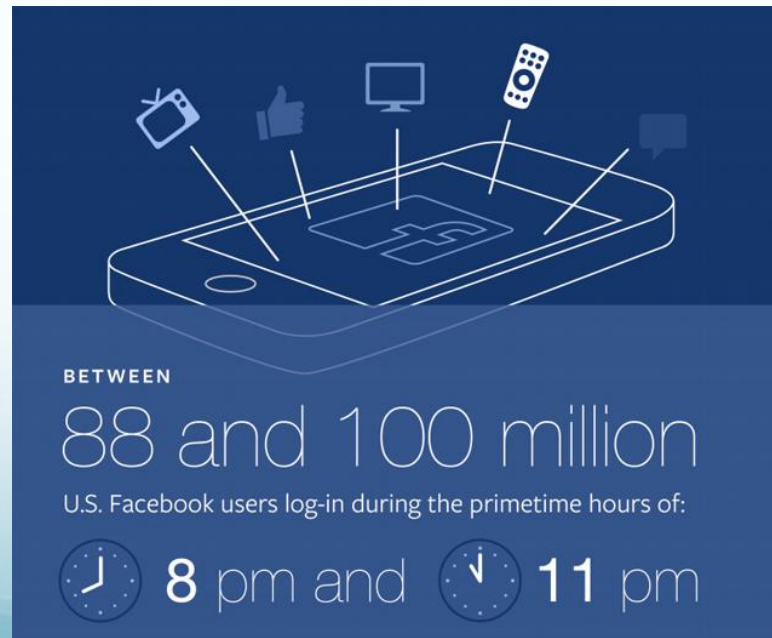
‘Pastoral care will only ever be as good as the care that is intended by the care giver.’



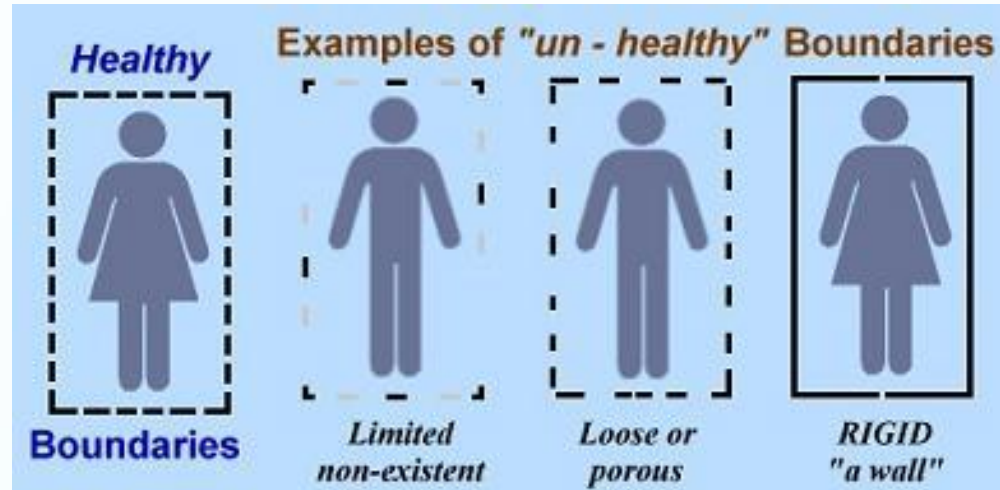
# Virtues of Pastoral Care

<i>Classic virtues</i>	<i>Ingredients of care</i> <sup>1</sup>	<i>Digital virtues</i>
Prudence	Knowing	Media sense
Temperance	Alternating rhythms	Sustained attention
Fortitude	Courage	Respect for boundaries
Justice	Honesty	Congruence in role
Faith	Trust; patience	Prayerful focus
Hope	Hope	Creative depth
Charity	Humility	Consistent courtesy

‘I used to only be there for some of the people some of the time. Now I can be there for all of the people some of the time.’



# Boundaries



‘Pastoral care empowers the client to growth through the experience of boundaries. Both their own and those of their guide.’

# Risk and Manipulation



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# YOU

1. Give yourself permission
2. Define your purpose
3. Protect your time
4. Take it slowly
5. Get clarity about what you are being asked
6. Be honest about how you are feeling
7. Have a punitive system in place
8. Filter the online context
9. Honour your feelings and comfort level
10. Be thoughtful and care orientated in your responses



Your Questions...