## You Are Bound To Hear One Good Thing

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Meaningful conversations. What shifted? What lifted? What was juicy?

I went to "Enough Time" and "Using This." I like bumblebees without bumblefees.

I was by myself, with sad faces that turned out quite nice. Thrice, a human, I am. And what does that mean?

It's OK not knowing.
It's OK not going.
It's OK stretching with a question.
Looking over there,
over where.
I'm here, and I want it.

So, you know, we went on a hike. I like playdough and playing to stay in the fray of stress squeezers.

Talkin' downhill, a thrill. Uphil, I need a pill! Or, just space, resilience, and a good conversation with Steve and Dennis.

Optimism, perhaps, is about being with your resourcefulness in agency, in choice, in voice.

Do you know that some people don't survive in government? Checkin' ideas at doors and in wars. Where is the exploring unapologetically?

It is a luxury to sit with people that care; even 20 minutes can feel big!

Well, now you have moved me to say something! Practice makes practice. Makes me ready. Steady for Monday morning at the plate.

There is no hate in Kate-i, standing up again for just doing it beyond right and wrong. I long, for that.
Sharing what's important to you.

Thanks for the comfort. Save space comes before Open Space to make two loops of rich networking.

## Thank you!

How to reach generations is about reaching to people of all kinds. I had no idea we'd get to where we did.

YELP stalking?
What are you talking, about?
Community is virtual.
Community is random meetings.
Community is meeting in restaurants.
Community is about welcoming shared ideas.

My first group hits close to home, these passing of school bonds. Thank you for problem solving, for tools to try, that catch my eye.

I'm drawn in to people that care, that share questions. Do you know that random people can solve problems. That's good in my hair.

So..., where can you use this Open Space? In the Food Policy Network with our people. In our six year performance plan updates. In strategic planning to explore the edges. In dealing with change because there's quite a range of relations built on burning questions. In the final draft.

As initiation ritual, there is less rolling it out and more writing the story together.

Time to breath. Tome to reflect. Meeting as Maestros in clear purpose open to being open is magic.

It's a "Cup-O-Joe Cafe."
It's "Open Pond Fishing"
that ends with Faith
meeting people where they are at
creates good space.
It's not a box.
That rocks!

And, if you keep your ears open, you're bound to hear one good thing.