

THE IRON BRIEFING



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In the morning, Lord, you hear
my voice; in the morning I lay
my requests before you and wait
expectantly.

— Psalm 5:3

Are you praying with expectancy?



LIVING OUT THE ANDREW PRINCIPLE

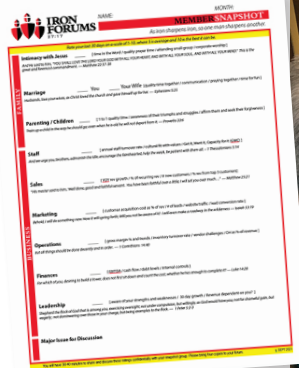
I'd like to encourage you all to be praying for one person in your sphere of influence to whom you can be an "Andrew." As you recall, our Andrew Principle is based on the disciple Andrew finding his brother Simon and imploring him to meet Jesus.

Who can you invite out of isolation and into this sharpening community of Christian business owners?

I recently sent out a "Monthly Moment of Encouragement" to everyone with a Zoom link. We've enjoyed praying together for our Andrew Principle, and there's one more opportunity to do so on **Dec 2nd**. I hope you'll join us!"

Praying for you,
Barry Lusk
Iron Forums Executive Director

The Snapshot™ The Core Differentiator of Iron Forums



Our Table Leaders recently gathered for annual training and invested a portion of the time discussing how the Iron Forums values (Truth, Transparency, Traction and Transformation) are primarily played out during our Snapshot™ sessions.

Our God created us for community, and it's unique for leaders to intentionally escape the busyness, noise and crowds and dive into meaningful conversation with a few trusted brothers.



Here are some important practices to make the most of every Snapshot™ session:

1. Complete your Snapshot™ the day before your Forum and bring 4 copies with you.
2. In the marriage section, don't just ask your wife for her numerical grade, but also ask for an explanation, and what you could do to be a better husband to her.
3. Be prepared to succinctly communicate your major issue for discussion at the very beginning of your group time.
4. Protect every Forum date on your calendar and only miss if it's a last resort. The most connected groups are those that can remain together without shifting men in and out due to sporadic attendance. Please communicate with your facilitator as soon as possible if you see you are going to miss your Forum.
5. Come in prayed up and ready to sharpen and be sharpened (Proverbs 27:17).

Let's continue to deepen our brotherhood through making our Snapshot™ sessions the best they can be!

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EOS® TRACTION TIP

Delegate!



It seems that owners and executives are always running out of time while employees are running out of work.

Consider this scenario: An employee enters your office and says, "Hey, I have a problem." You ask her to explain. As she finishes up you say, "Let me think about what we need to do to resolve that." You just took ownership of her problem. You took the monkey off of her back and put it on yours.

Joel Manby says this about how leaders react during crises, "Leaders tend to absorb decision-making. The opposite should happen." Rather than absorbing (taking someone else's monkey), delegate it. An employee needs to be developed to handle their own monkeys, not trained to hand them over to their boss.

TRY THIS:

- List everything you do for a week.
- Categorize each task and activity:
 - 1. Love/Great** – *I love doing it and am great at it. These tasks give me life.*
 - 2. Like/Good** – *I enjoy the task and am OK, but not as good as others.*
 - 3. Don't Like/Good** – *I can do it, but don't enjoy it.*
 - 4. Don't Like/Not Good** – *These tasks drain my energy and are best done by someone else.*
- Delegate those tasks and activities in quadrants 3 and 4, and focus on the others in 1 and 2.

How are you at delegating? Contact me for a copy of the EOS® Delegate and Elevate tool.

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Wife: Monica

Years Married: 23

Children: Jacob, 16 and Olivia, 19

Church: Free Chapel

Forum: Snellville

What is the name and focus of your business?

I lead the Gwinnett Medical Center Foundation at Northside Hospital Gwinnett and Duluth. We are focused on philanthropic action for the public good by accelerating access to high quality healthcare in Gwinnett.

Who invited you to Iron Forums (who was your Andrew)?

Three people, actually. It was Rob Coatsworth, Jeff Richardson, and Casey Sanders. Rob and Jeff have a Christian-based commercial real estate firm and we used to meet monthly to discuss faith at work. "Coincidentally" I had been praying for God to lead me to something like Iron Forums, and one day these guys just showed up in my office and invited me to lunch. They introduced me to Casey Sanders, who has been an Iron Forums facilitator in the past — and as Kung Fu Panda reminds us, "there are no accidents."



I love this "family picture" at work. Specifically, this was the hospital's donor appreciation gala from 2018 when Jeff Foxworthy was our guest speaker. Jeff did not care for the TN Fan! We have a lot of fun, and I am truly blessed to do what I do, and have the work and home families God gave me.

What is your favorite part of the Iron Forums Snapshot™?

I love the way it facilitates confession among fellow Christians in confidence with Paraclete — the Holy Spirit.

How has Iron Forums improved your life?

Iron Forums has helped me develop a more frequent, meaningful, and deliberate dialogue with Jesus. Marriage and parenting too. Iron Forums reminds me often that there is nothing new under the Sun, and that God is good and He is *still* in control. There is a plan for all of us to be the gift God created us to be for each other. These are eternal friendships!

Iron Conference



Genesis: First Things First



September 16-18, 2022

Talk to your wife about attending now while there are a few spaces remaining!

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