## **Opportunities to Connect**

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Did I smile when we passed... Or wait for you to go first? Did I listen when you needed someone to hear... Or disagree and speak instead? Did I look past petty annoyance... And value who you are? Did I notice your beauty... Or judge by an arbitrary standard? Did I understand what is important to you... Or think ahead to what matters to me? Did I learn from you... Or be too sure I was right? Did I give... As much as I expected? Did I remember... Or assume it didn't matter? Was I a leader..... Or the boss? Did I bypass... The pivotal moment when a relationship transforms? Opportunities to connect... What did I miss?