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I'm going to try to talk for a little bit. I'm not very good at this. Usually I'll write something down and then I get so anxious I'll start reading it so fast just to get through it. So this time I'm just going to try to speak from my heart. When I got my Master's from CCAC I think I realized I really know very little about anything. If there's anything that I learned that's really important to me, it was that I really was taught that I didn't know anything. That I have to develop my curiosity for learning; to get outside the nine dots, so to speak. And I was really passionate about that. And I have been ever since I got my Master's. And now that I'm getting my Doctor I feel I know even less. So I get older every day. I really don't understand anything and I really don't know anything. The only thing ....I don't understand why there's still a war going on in Bosnia. I don't understand why there's this disease going on in Zaire, and people can't even touch each other anymore. I don't understand why there's AIDS. I don't understand why there's race wars. I don't understand why I'm fighting with my parents still every day over little things. I don't even understand why I still live and breathe sometimes. I don't understand why my heart works. There's so much I want to know and learn about but I don't seem to have enough time; sometimes I get lazy. So I guess the only thing I can tell you is get outside those nine dots and keep learning, and keep trying to know as much as you can. You're going to need every little bit of it. Thank you.