Stinger: "Everywhere You Go," by Tim Houlihan

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Welcome to behavioral grooves. My name is Kurt Nelson and I'm Tim Houlihan. Given the strange and turbulent times that we're living through, Kurt and I decided to reach out to some of our favorite behavioral science researchers and practitioners to get their take on the novel coronavirus pandemic that is shaking the world. These special edition episodes. We'll explore a variety of different aspects of the crisis and our response to each of those aspects. Through a behavioral lens, we know that you may feel overwhelmed by the crisis already. It seems every news story, every social media thread, every phone conversation that we have is focused on some aspect of the pandemic right now. While the news and updated information are essential, we're going to take a different tact. We want to try to understand the science behind our reactions and our behaviors and how science can help us cope and move beyond the current crisis. In each episode, we talk with a different behavioral science expert and get their best thinking on an aspect of the crisis. So sit back, take a deep breath and listen to our special series on behavioral science and the coronavirus pandemic. We know that the coven 19 crisis has impacted the way many of us work. One job that we have not heard a lot about is the business to business sales rep. we wanted to find out how salespeople are being impacted. And our guest today is Michael Boden. Michael, can you tell us a little bit about your company and your title?

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So, um, I work for Syngenta crop protection, which is a global company that is a R and D research and development based company, uh, based out of Basel, Switzerland. And we basically, um, invent and manufacture and sell agricultural inputs, uh, into, uh, the ag sector. Um, I personally am a head of the U S crop protection sales, uh, based in Greensboro, North Carolina.

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That's terrific. So, so you have people in the field who are selling to who?

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A distribution model. So a, as we manufacture, uh, chemicals, um, we sell them to a distributor who, uh, then in, in, in a couple of different ways, either sells to directly to the grower through a integrated retail model or, uh, we they sell is what we call a three step or a, uh, uh, distributor sells it to a retail location who then sells it to the, uh, the grower or the farmer, uh, out in the country.

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And most of this is done face to face up to recently.

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It is a very, a relationship oriented industry. It is very a hands on. It is very um, um, personal, um, belly to belly type, uh, selling. Yeah. So it is very much a, a different world that we're operating in today. Let's just say that

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I have to admit I'm going to, I'm going to have to add belly to belly sales to my electric time cause I, well

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now it's done six feet apart though. Uh, so, so, so beyond, beyond the sales reps that you have, you also have, um, other people that work for you. Can you tell us a little bit about them? So we've got a lot of specialized at type folks. So, um, in, in our industry, uh, you know, it's not just about selling, it's about the agronomic, uh, uh, recommendations that our people make. Uh, you know, when a grower has a issue or concern, uh, in one of their fields, they don't always understand what and why. And so we've got a agronomist who are able to go out and, uh, work with them in order to, um, understand what the needs are. We also have, um, a seed care platform where we're actually putting different things on the seed in order to allow the seed to, uh, get the best chance of surviving through a cold, wet, uh, different pathogens that may come into play.

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And, uh, so the seed care specialists are out there working with retailers in order to make sure they're getting the right amounts of the chemical on the seed. And, uh, and then we have [inaudible], which is a, um, a technology that we utilize a, that is a, um, a software type program that the grower can utilize in order to understand what his return on investment is on the field. So a lot of specialized type, uh, role and I'm just going out and selling a lot of specialized type roles that are involved, uh, to Oregon that those folks historically would have been out interacting face to face, uh, with, uh, their respective, uh, customers or, or person that they're working with. So would they be working with the, the, the grower at the very end of, of that, that chain there. So they work with in a couple of different ways.

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So as I said earlier, we go through a retail, um, interface. And so in many cases they're working with the retail sales reps who, uh, ultimately work with the grower and then they're also working alongside that retail, uh, person to go to the grower in many cases. Um, when specialized issues, uh, arise. Let's go back to the agronomists, uh, in the, in the field, cause you actually mentioned they're out there in the field because they're actually using their skills by looking at the ground and looking at the crops and actually physically being there to analyze what's going on with their sight and smell and all those kinds of things. Right? Right. So how are they doing their job? So we've had to get pretty creative. Um, and uh, you know, as you can imagine, um, during the winter months, we do a lot of training, right? And so we're, we're trying to educate and train and, uh, things like zoom, uh, things like video conferencing, uh, have become the main stage, especially when you're trying to get larger groups of folks together.

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We use, you know, the digital technology, FaceTime, uh, things like that in order to have more one on one conversations. But then there's, there's, there's, as you, as you said, Tim, there's, there's times where you've gotta be out there and you've gotta be looking at it. And so, uh, what we've tried to make sure that we, um, are focused on is the safety of both our people as well as the, as the farmer, the, the retailer that they're interacting with. And, and you know, what we've told our folks is, um, you know, social distancing is an absolute must, uh, you can still go out into a field and, and have that interaction. I actually, uh, had a picture come through here not long ago or, uh, it had a, um, a tape measure across the hood of a truck, which was just a little bit more than six feet.

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And so, uh, you had, uh, uh, you know, the grower on one side of the truck and the, uh, the agronomists on the other side of the truck and they were having a conversation and they're doing their social

distancing. But, uh, you know, you can't replace what you see and feel in, in, in, in, and understand what's going on out in that field. Uh, but you can do it very, um, intently and you can do it, uh, in a social distancing type deal. And so, uh, maybe the two different people are going out in the field and looking at the same thing at different times. Uh, and then comparing notes, uh, at the end. And that's different because normally you like to be out there with them. So what has been the hardest part of this crisis for your Salesforce from a work perspective in your mind?

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What, what do they get most anxious or stressed about not being able to sit there with their customers and, uh, and have that one on one conversation in close proximity. I mean, as I said earlier, our industry is very much a relationship industry. It, uh, it's, it's really about, um, when you make a decision on a crop, whether it be on the seed that you're going to plant with the inputs you're going to put in, you only get one chance, right? There's only one growing season that's out there. Right? And if you don't make those good decisions, uh, you can find yourself in a very difficult spot. Right? And so just the, the, the, the interaction, the engagement, the face to face, uh, you know, reading, uh, how people react to the conversation. Uh, you know, those are all things that, uh, are, are challenging in these times.

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And so that's where, again, um, you know, most people didn't like the a camera on their computer or on their phone because they, they thought that somebody might be spying on them and now they're, they're glad it's there cause they can actually see who they're talking to and they can, they can read those facial expressions and they can, uh, you know, look at things that are happening, uh, without actually getting in the truck and driving six hours to get there. Um, you know, we operate in and territories that oftentimes are very large, especially when you get into places like Texas. And, uh, so instead of, you know, having to go through the scenario where you got to get in the truck, drive six hours, spend the night in a hotel, uh, get up the next morning, go out and visit a, you know, the customer or the situation that's occurring in the field. People are taking, you know, video chats and then in, in doing things, uh, electronically. And, um, and that's very different. That's something that our sales people don't normally do. They're getting better at. But, uh, it creates a lot of anxiety when you can't sit down with your customers.

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It might be easy to say, well, if, if that person isn't having to get in the truck and drive six hours and spend a night in a hotel, that they should be a lot more productive. But we've had a lot of conversations with people about distractions and, and the challenges, the anxieties that go along with all of these very new routines. How are you as a sales leader looking at productivity?

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Yeah, so, um, I think that the biggest thing that I've done differently is, is really up to the engagement that I try to have with, with the people that I work with. Right. And so, uh, I've gotten into a cadence store. A, I'm going to talk to you, whereas historically maybe talked to folks once a week. Right? I'm going to talk to them at least every other day. Uh, here in some cases every day because, you know, these are very difficult times for them. And for myself, I mean, uh, you know, working from home is not what I normally do. Uh, you know, working in a, a, an environment that, uh, you know, I've got a wife and she's, uh, actively doing things around the house and, uh, you know, it used to be when somebody made a noise in the background, I thought the whole world was coming to an end.

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Now, uh, you know, I've been on calls where dogs are barking, kids are coming into the room, you know, you, you just change your perspective on things, right. And, uh, know that, uh, you know, you better be flexible, otherwise you're going to get frustrated very easily. So, so, you know, I think the biggest thing that I've done is try to up the cadence in terms of when and how we interact, even if it's just a quick two or three minute to a phone call. Uh, checking in on people, checking in, make sure, and asking how the team's doing, asking how the family is doing, asking how the pets are doing. Uh, you know, just then up in the game in terms of, um, interaction these people that you're interacting with. You didn't see them in the office before. This is typically just a, uh, they're out in the field already.

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But the, the, because of this crisis and because of all the stress that they're going through, these changes that you're doing are, are really to look at their emotional health and to make sure that they're doing well. So it's a, it's a different world that you're acting or activated in. Exactly. Write down, you know, 95% of the people that, uh, I work with are remote. Now we do have offices, cities where I have, uh, other functions that I deal with that within my sales organization. They're all remote. And so again, you know, I've talked to people I haven't talked to for quite a while and it's actually been kind of fun in that respect because, uh, you know, you get to build some, um, you know, different types of relationships and what you may be had in the past.

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I've heard stories about people getting to know you. You mentioned dogs. And I've heard stories about people getting to know their coworkers dogs better than they've ever imagined these days.

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I've got some cases where I didn't know people had pets and all of a sudden you look in their, uh, in in their world because that's one thing that, you know, we utilize zoom quite a bit. And uh, when you, when you're on a zoom call, you get to see the, the world that people live in as opposed to people or the world that people work in, right? And so, uh, all of a sudden you're seeing pictures of a family and pictures of things and you, you know, we're learning more about each other than what we probably ever have. What tips would you pass on to other leaders who are in similar situations in businesses that have typically relied on face to face, relationship building, building belly to belly sales? The tips that I think I would go back on is number one, keep your people safe, right?

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Uh, don't think that, uh, you need to send them out and have them be the heroes in this because a, the heroes are really those that will, uh, stay safe, stay healthy, and continue to do what they need to do. Um, tell them not to be afraid, uh, that, uh, different ways of working in different ways of engaging are actually critical. Um, you know, it, it will change, I believe how we operate going forward, but in each, in the short term, um, you know, utilize technology, utilize zoom calls, utilize, uh, um, FaceTime, utilize all those different things that are out there. Um, and then, and then lastly, it's really about, um, you know, this will pass with time, right? Uh, I think people are getting a bit, uh, anxious in that, uh, you know, there's not a deadline, uh, so to speak as to when things will come back up.

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And so, um, be patient, uh, you know, uh, understand that people are going through a lot of challenges and, um, you know, the uncertainty that, uh, people deal with that uncertainty very differently and so they really need to take their time and just go with the flow and, um, and work through things. And then the last thing I'd say is, you know, I probably got more exercise here in the last a month because yeah, the wife and I are walkers, but not always together and not always at the same time. That's how we get our stress relief out. Right. Uh, you know, come lunch break. Uh, you know, we grab a quick bite to eat and then we'd try to get in our 10,000 steps and, uh, you know, that breaking up the day, uh, you know, you don't have to sit behind the desk all day long, get out and get some exercise.

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Uh, you can do it. Uh, you know, very easy, uh, provided the weather is conducive to that. But, um, you know, find something as a, as an alternative to, uh, to do it. Um, and, and you can get your exercise cause that sure does help relieve on the stress. Yeah. So you talked about, you know, don't be afraid and, and change and making sure those things are going on. How of change is hard for people, right? We are often stuck in our routines and our habits and, and so this obviously is forced a lot of people to change. How are you helping your sales people adapt to that change? And what, what suggestions do you have for other leaders out there to help their people through that change? Yeah, so helping them adapt to change is really just listening to what their challenges are and in trying to come up with creative ways in order to address that.

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Right. And we do a lot of, um, tours during the, uh, the growing season to take growers out in, in, in retailers out to show them, you know, what our new technologies look like, what our old technologies look like. And you know, how that, that kind of happens, right? Um, fortunately, uh, often cases, we've videotaped a lot of those types of things for training purposes. Now we're using those videotapes for, uh, selling, right? And so, um, you know, in, in, in, we call them the virtual tour, right? To where you don't have to actually be on site or you don't have to be there in person. Uh, you can sit at your computer and you can do it virtually, which is, is a very different way of doing business. A sales meeting, as I mentioned earlier, we utilize zoom, uh, not trying to put an advertising and resume, but it's great technology.

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But, um, you know, one thing that we've learned is, is getting people to turn the camera on so that you can see them is a huge benefit. Right? Um, don't just, uh, rely on, you know, the voice coming through, uh, turn the camera on and it really makes you feel like you have a sense of community. Um, I've even heard in, in, you know, so far, I haven't been, uh, involved in one, but you know, there are coffee hours that are coffee breaks that are taking place, uh, virtually, right. Uh, there are, um, uh, end of the day, uh, you know, grab a beer or a glass of wine or your favorite beverage and, uh, you know, sit down and just talk to people. Right. And so, um, you know, virtual, happy hour, you know, those are things that people are doing in order to get out of their, their, um, their shell, so to speak, uh, or their environment that they're in and, and, and engage more broadly.

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Yeah. You had talked about [inaudible] this is a, a, a relationship heavy kind of sales piece. W what have you found about this with people that your sales people already have a relationship with versus, you

know, maybe trying to get new customers. Is there a difference in how that has, uh, this takes place in how the new technology works within that situation?

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Yeah. Where you've got a relationship, I gotta tell you it's just a lot easier. Right? And so the value of that relationship and that's why, you know, when things get back to whatever that new normal looks like, and you know, people will still need to get out, know we're not going to go to a virtual world where we don't engage or get belly to belly with our customer. Right? I mean, it just doesn't work. Uh, for, you know, the longterm where we have relationships, where we have a consistency in our approach where you have, um, that, that history with somebody, uh, you know, it does make things easier. Um, and I think that's, you know, something that, uh, we value even more today. Um, because, um, you know, when you have to resolve an issue, um, it's a lot easier if you already had that relationship in place then trying to cold call and get somebody to, um, get confidence in what you're bringing to them.

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Uh, if you have the relationship. So, you know, going in in the future, you know, I think, you know, the need to go out and build those relationships that will always be there. Uh, doing it, uh, hopefully closer than six feet apart. We'll, we'll, uh, we'll come back and we'll be there. But I also think that we'll learn how every time somebody does have an issue, um, you don't need jump in, in the trucking and run, run across the country in order to get to them or get on an airplane in order to get them. We'll find that, uh, people can utilize technology more than what we probably hadn't embraced up to this point

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on. This idea of, um, things that will change and things that won't. What else do you think is going to continue? What, what could you imagine coming out of this, um, crisis within your organization that is likely to continue to be a part of your organization?

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You know, a lot of the things that, um, that we've been had to do in terms of processes and ways of working and um, uh, you know, we have production facilities and we have, um, you know, that are very dependent on people and their capabilities. And so, you know, you almost need to build a bit more redundancy into, um, how you come at things, right. Uh, and, and, and think through what are all the different scenarios that could potentially create a barrier to you operating in this, um, in, in this current world is a as well as is the world we'll go into in the future. And so I think what it, you know, what I take away from, from all this is, is, you know, it's really challenged us to think differently. It's challenged us to be more proactive in terms of how we plan for, um, these types of situations and it, and it's really pushed us to, uh, uh, utilize and embrace technology in a different way than we ever have. And, uh, you know, once you start to do that, once you start to get confident in that, uh, doesn't take away from the fact that, you know, relationships are critical, as we talked about earlier, but it really does give you the opportunity to, uh, utilize a lot more of the resources that haven't been out there differently than what you probably have.

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Yeah. Michael, thank you. The insights that you brought here I think are really important for people to understand and, and just thank you for taking the time. I know it's a crazy time of the year for you is as

well as this, this whole situation, so we appreciate it. Well thank you and appreciate everything you all do.

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I love it. All right.

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Welcome to the special edition grooving session where Tim and I groove on some ideas and concepts that were inspired by our really interesting conversation with Michael. All right, Tim, sales in this time of social and physical distancing, what is it that really spurred some thoughts or concepts that you want to discuss based on our conversation with Michael? Well, the first thought I had

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was how great he, he shared how it's not just the relationship, it's not the physical, physical thing between a sales rep and a grower or a farmer. It's actually the sales rep and the agronomist and the retailer and the distributor and the grower. Like this complex network of people who are used to getting together physically and so, so his business isn't just like, Oh, let's just have a sales rep go out in the field and sell some stuff. This is actually a complex network that he's got some big challenges ahead and yet he's doing it. It seems like they're actually getting it done. They're figuring out how to manage.

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Yeah, I loved his term. Belly to belly. Yeah. I really pitcher farmers and I Fisher, you know these guys out that are belly to belly and that's gone away at this point. Uh, and his idea of, you know, the guy who took the measuring tape across the hood or the bed of the truck, right. And it's six feet apart. So that's part of what they're doing and have our meeting across and have our meeting across the backyard of the front of a, of a pickup truck, which you know, again, makes sense for this thing. I think the interesting piece on that though is this idea that sales in just general and and the people who are doing business to business sales, that person to person sales are going through a really difficult time because this is so unlike how they have had to do business in the past and understanding how they can build those belly to belly relationships in a way where you can't become belly to belly is a problem that a lot of salespeople are going through right now. And what I loved about Michael as I was saying, you know what? We're figuring this out. This is where we're being creative. We're, we're getting in on concepts and thoughts and ideas that two months ago would have seemed weird, but now this is just how we're doing it and it's working well. There is a particular challenge being

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in the business that he's in selling products to farmers is that he said you can't replace what you see and feel when you're out in the field. Like, you know, if you're, if you're an agronomist, you actually have to have your hands in the dirt to actually understand what's going on from a chemical perspective, from a moisture perspective. You need to actually see and touch the physical plants as they're growing up to understand what kinds of issues they've got. And he did a great job of saying we're figuring that out. Maybe we were in the same field, but at different times, you know, maybe, maybe it's you go out and then I go out 20 minutes later, uh, or, or we'll video some of it. We'll use FaceTime, we'll use. He was really big on using the technology. I thought that that were, that was really cool. And I think that the technology

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piece is a big aspect of that, but there is something to be said about being onsite, whether it's in, in a farmer's field or whether that's in a plant or inside a company and what they're doing to understand the nuances that are going on there. I know in the work that you and I do it. Part of what we sell is this almost anthropological going in and understanding of of how people are interacting together and the idea of looking and understanding the behavioral aspects of that community of people and how they work together. And if you're not in, and if companies aren't together in doing that, you know, how do you, how do you get that feel of that sense? And so changing that up isn't this part of the scientific method is observation. Yeah. Now we could say we could observe data, but part of what you and I do is we're observing people.

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We're sort of observing. People oftentimes are sitting down across the table from them having a conversation, recording an interview and watching their reactions and observing people when they're doing their work, going out and actually seeing the interactions to understand those dynamics that aren't happening now. Given the fact that we're doing a lot more online, you know, we'll have to change. We have to modify how that that observation works. Maybe it's us being part of a zoom call. Maybe it's us being different things. I think across the board and not just focusing on us across the board for salespeople across the board, for people, consultants who are like us, who, who do this type of work. We have to adapt. We have to adapt to this changing environment that we're in. Because as it is, it seems now this isn't going to be a two month and done type thing.

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This is going to be a longer road that we have to travel down and we need to make those adaptations and be able to make those changes because otherwise we're going to be, we're done. Yeah, we're done. Or floating or floating down a river without a, without a canoe. So what struck you Kurt? What, what's, what else caught your attention? Well, you brought this up actually in a conversation that we had that about this proximity and its relationship to trust and intimacy, right? There is real research out there that talks about the idea that the closer we are physically together and there's, there's even research about touch and, and how touch re releases endorphins and various different pieces and we're missing that in these relationships. So Robin Dunbar has done a lot of work on studying relationships and, and really bringing in this idea that you look at mammals, just the grooming things that that chimpanzees or other mammals do and it releases endorphins.

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We do it because it feels good and that builds trust and it builds this bond. And you can't replicate that very easily over video chat, over face FaceTime or zoom or whatever other thing you're doing. And so how do we get beyond that? How is it that we can move to that level of trust? And what I loved about what he was saying too, and I don't know if this was either before we start recording or after we start recording, but this idea that it's easier to do business with people. You already have relationships in this time, right? Because you have that sense of trust, you have that relationship that is already built in. You have maybe shaking the hands with that person. You've definitely probably been across the table from them in close proximity, standing in the field, you know, next next to them. And so now having this side idea of trying to build new relationships where you don't have that relationship and that trust already built, it's a more of a challenge.

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Yeah. There is a huge body of research on this proximity and trust. So I have 30 years plus 40 years of content on this, but there was a paper, a 2007 paper authored by Johan Bruyneel and a couple of associates where they, they said that that uh, proximity has a significant impact in the level of inter organizational trust. So they went beyond just the people they actually went to. The organization said, when I have better proximity, I actually trust the organization more. So it's not just the interpersonal part, it's the, the actual organizational elements of this. And so we think about brands and how much, how much we love brands and we don't have social interaction around brands. How will we, how is that going to work? I mean it will. I think the, we'll figure it out, but I just don't have an answer right now. That's going to be interesting.

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But again, I think in business to business sales where branding isn't quite the same as it is in consumer products, I don't care if I ever see a Coke distributor or Coke sales rep who's bringing the Coca-Cola zero, which you and I both like into, into the store. But you know, I do have that, that sense about it. But in business to business sales, I think that brand is oftentimes that salesperson, they are, they are the brand. And you, you see that because a sales person leaves and goes to a different company and oftentimes they get many of their customers to follow them. Insurance sales, other pieces along that line, you know, follow that, that trajectory and a, um, so when you think about that and that proximity aspect of it, there is that trust that comes with being together. Um, you know, it's how we build friendships.

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Our friendships are built. Um, you know, having some pieces of being close together. It's when I, again, not to bring this back to us, but I do a lot of my work via phone. Uh, but I always, uh, particularly at the beginning of any type of project, I always try to do some sort of in person meeting to get to know the players because that, that relationship that you build, even if it's just an hour or two hour meeting that you have is vastly different than that same hour or two hour meeting via zoom or a phone conference or anything like that.

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Yeah. I also wanted to get back to this adopting or adoption or adaption adaptation issue. I'm not sure, but I loved how Michael talked about how he used to be really upset when a dog would run into the room when they were, when he was on a zoom call with one of his colleagues, one of his teammates. And now it's like, no, that's actually kind of a cool thing like dogs and kids and videos. All good. Yeah.

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The, the, the level of grace that we have as, as Bradshaw would say, right. Um, has, has gone up and, and I think that's a real positive of this. I think we've also had this conversation in the past too, that those dogs and kids in the background and in those zoom meetings that we're having lend a level of intimacy that we didn't have before, particularly with our coworkers and intimacy in the way of getting to know them on a, on a more personal level and as opposed to just a work level. So there's some value in that. And that may even translate, again going into the sales relationships that we're having, maybe there's a bit of that grace that can occur in some of those customer conversations. And bringing in some of the personal pieces, again, getting to see where you work in your house, in how you live.

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Those are pieces that I think are really important. Now, I did read some things earlier about, you know, maybe going a little overboard. The people taking the uh, conference calls from their bed still undercovers and doing zoom things like with guys with their shirts off or people sitting out there, you know, swimsuit next to their pool in the backyard. Social norms are being stretched. Maybe, maybe a little bit on that. And you probably don't to do that, particularly if you're trying to build a relationship with a new customer, unless that's on-brand for what you're trying to style. But, but to a degree, I think there is a level of personal insight that you get in these types of communications that we're doing now that you might not have gotten otherwise. And I, I encourage is, this is the one thing I've, I've seen with some of the, of the clients that we've done, you know, we it before this whole thing happened, we often would have conference calls and those were, those were your standard conference calls voice only.

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I've seen a few of our customers switching to a face, whether it be a WebEx or Skype. Right. And I think there's value in that particularly today and there are some that still have it that we still just do voice. And I think there's something to be said, particularly from a sales perspective that if you used to do, you know, again it might be you've already sold something and you're working on the delivery of it and you would have a phone conversation or a phone call, make that a video chat if you can. I think there's some value in getting that face to face because you can't get that now by going in to see them. So you need to do it in other ways and make that happen more often.

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[inaudible] I want to go back to a rant that I've, I've hit on a couple of times here and are we stitching together something that was decoupled at the beginning of the industrial revolution? Are we bringing work and home life back together in a way that might actually be beneficial to us as a species?

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I don't know, but I think it's a great question and one as we've talked about again over and over this and there's some themes coming back in, into throughout these aren't there. There's some, some really good themes and we're going to do the lessons learned podcast here coming up in shortly. At some point we will do that, uh, once we get this, but there, there are some themes and those themes of, yes, you know, this is a, one of those themes is this is a big natural experiment and the idea that we're learning as we're going and maybe who knows that this could be a great way of saying let's give back and not have work life, family, life, friends, life. That somehow this is all interconnected. That we are more of a holistic person because of this.

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