

The Faith Script

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“No one lights a lamp and hides it in a jar or puts it under a bed. Instead, he puts it on a stand, so that those who come in can see the light.”
Luke 8:16 (NIV)

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~Your Faith and Pharmacy Practice~

What is your favorite sitcom of all time and why? I recently had the pleasure of listening to a sermon that presented this very question and it challenged me to think about what it means to be a Christian pharmacist. So, what is your favorite sitcom? Some people might say Friends, Seinfeld, The Bill Cosby Show, Modern Family, Cheers, the Big Bang Theory, Home Improvement, or Everybody Loves Raymond. All of these highly rated shows have one thing in common. They seemingly have no profound plot but are all about relationships. As a society we will routinely watch these shows, watching how people can sit around in a bar or across a fence and discuss life, or watching as Jerry Seinfeld bounces through a somewhat ordinary life with his circle of friends in New York City. Sitcoms like Seinfeld might be portrayed as shows about nothing but in reality they are shows about our relationships.

So, what does it look like to be a Christian pharmacist? To me, differentiating a Christian pharmacist from a non-Christian pharmacist all comes down to looking at the relationships that we build with other people such as our patients, colleagues, technicians, interns, and our bosses. The Apostle Paul in Philippians 2:1-11, gives us the recipe that a Christian pharmacist should use in constructing relationships. In verse 5 of the text, it states “In your relationships with one another, have the same mind set as Christ Jesus.” (NIV) The rest of the text goes on and there are at least three main lessons that can be drawn.

1. All of our relationships flow out of our relationship with Jesus. Consequently, loving God is the first step in loving other people well.
2. Relationships can be infectious and affect a whole community or group of people.
3. We should have humility and look after other people’s interests instead of our own.

Philippians 2:1-11 and other similar passages are largely about holiness, teaching us that we should care about people the way God cares about them

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and that we should cultivate those relationships different from the way the world behaves, just as God has set the example to focus on others.

Therefore, the next time you have a difficult patient or challenging work discussion with a colleague, have the same mindset as Christ. Be present with them; do not talk at them but talk with them, showing Christ-like humility. Christ Jesus on Earth was God, but He humbled Himself, made Himself nothing, often times took the very nature of a servant, and in true humility suffered death on a cross for us. A God that did that is a God that is worth serving. Likewise, pharmacists that go above and beyond to help the people around them and look after other people's interests instead of their own are pharmacists that patients are more willing to heed important advise and warnings from and are pharmacists that colleagues desire to work with in the pharmacy.

If a sitcom were to be created about your life as a Christian pharmacist, what would people see? Would it be a show about absolutely nothing, or would it be about a pharmacist dedicating his or her life to building authentic, holy and Godly relationships with people and striving to emulate the gospel as you show God's love to your patients, colleagues, family and friends?

In Christ,
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Main Exhibit Hall
1st Floor
Booth #1001

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Friday, November 11th
5:00 to 7:00 PM
Room ED 270

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