

Michael Stallard - BIO

Should we take the Holy Spirit to work?

For much of Michael Stallard's life, he left the Holy Spirit at the front door as he headed to work to compete in the marketplace. Two people helped him realize he was wrong to compartmentalize his Christian faith and his work life: a doorman at a cancer center and the former chief of the U.S. Navy. In 2004, Michael's wife, Katie, was diagnosed with an advanced cancer and her chances of survival were less than 10%. The night he heard the surgeon tell him, "Katie does have cancer and it has spread — I'm sorry," Michael fervently prayed until he finally fell asleep from exhaustion. In the months that followed, God began to answer his prayer, and in the process, Michael's eyes were opened to the importance of connection in one's personal and work lives. Nick Medley, a Spirit-filled doorman at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center who has been [profiled by David Muir on "ABC News Tonight"](#) modeled this so clearly. Later, Michael's path crossed with CNO Admiral Vern Clark, the chief of the U.S. Navy, whose faith was foundational to how he cared for sailors and their families, and how he improved the Navy's culture to honor those who serve a cause greater than themselves. In Michael's story he shares:

- how God made us to connect with Himself, to connect with others in the Church, and to connect with those who don't know Him, through the power of the Holy Spirit
- how science supports Jesus' call to connect (as described in John 17:20-23)
- how to pray for greater courage and power to connect
- practical actions followers of Jesus can take to connect at home, in the community and at work

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Michael L. Stallard, cofounder and president of E Pluribus Partners and the Connection Culture Group, is an author, keynote speaker and consultant. He specializes in helping leaders boost human connection in workplace cultures to improve the health and performance of individuals and organizations. Michael is the author of *Connection Culture* and *Fired Up or Burned Out*. His clients have included Costco, Google, Johnson & Johnson, Lockheed Martin, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, NASA, Qualcomm, and the U.S. Department of Treasury. Texas Christian University founded the TCU Center for Connection Culture based on the work of Michael and his colleagues. Michael's story has been published in Christian media, including *The High Calling*, *Crosswalk.com* and *Theology of Work*.