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1. ADMIT INSECURITY

Pastor Craig took us there. Being critical usually comes from our own insecurity. Knowing that it has an unhealthy origin hopefully will help us arrest it when we feel it coming on. Also, hopefully it will bring us to address the insecurity in us.

2. ASSIGN YOURSELF TO ENCOURAGE

Encourage a whole bunch of people in a whole bunch of conversations this week. Today!

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When I hear criticism, it's usually second hand. Someone tells me a criticism someone else said to them about me or about Vision. It's almost appropriate that the criticizer is a little removed from the game. This has been reduced to me using "armchair" as a verb. It's so easy to armchair other people – as in the armchair quarterback who criticizes in the safety of the Lazyboy livingroom – most would not survive a single play on the field. When we are tempted to criticize someone else, let's just assume we're missing something. We haven't walked in their shoes, we are removed from their situation, we can't see the whole picture and we aren't qualified to quarterback.



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