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Connie: Welcome to the Heart Centered Sales Leader podcast on webtalkradio.net. I am your Heart Centered Sales leader and host, Connie Whitman. So I hope every week when you guys tune in and you listen to the show that I'm charging you up. I'm getting you excited about becoming more heart centered in your world. My world is sales. My guest today is a CEO. So whatever that means to you, but I want you to really embrace that heart centered kind of vibe, because it's more needed now than ever in the world. And especially, I think, in business. So hopefully you feel my passion, and you're on this journey and mission with me to really change the word 'sales' in one capacity, from something icky, sleazy, and pushy, really to one of love, care and respect. So being heart centered is where it starts.

Also, if you're loving the show, we really appreciate when you rate, review, and of course subscribe so you don't miss an episode. And also if you share with your peeps, that means so much to me. I love being spread around and shared to get the word out.

So my motivational quote, let's start today like I usually do, is by the amazing Stephen Covey. And he says, "An empowered organization is one in which individuals have the knowledge, skill, desire, and opportunity, to personally succeed in a way that leads to collective organizational success." So I want you to really stop and think for a sec, would you call yourself a leader who empowers your folks or who micromanages? And do you trust that your people understand maybe what that organizational strategy is, and are they able to implement those strategies as well? And micromanaging can become really dangerous, and really it's very ineffective. So many leaders, I think, have this fear of letting go of the control and doing this empowerment of their teams.

So I'm beyond excited to share my amazing guests, Kevin Hancock. He was on my <u>Enlightenment of</u> <u>Change</u> show twice, and this is his first debut with my new show, Heart Centered Sales Leader. But it's the third time that I'm sharing Kevin with you guys.

Now Kevin is the CEO of <u>Hancock Lumber</u>. He's one of the oldest companies in America, and sixtime recipient of the Best Place to Work in Maine award. In 2010 at the peak of the national housing and mortgage market crisis, Kevin acquired a rare neurological voice disorder called <u>spasmodic</u> <u>dysphonia</u>. When his own voice became weakened, he developed a whole new leadership style based on strengthening the voices of others. So today we're really gonna do a deep dive and talk to Kevin about his book, the <u>Seventh Power: One CEO's Journey into the Business of Shared Leadership</u>. And in his book, Kevin shares the philosophy, values and strategies at Hancock Lumber company that they've embraced on its journey towards becoming an employee-centric company, where leadership and responsibility are broadly shared rather than power coming from the top down. So please help me welcome my wonderful guest, friend, and just an amazing man, Kevin, to the show. So Kevin, thanks for being on.

03:37 Kevin: Connie, hello again. It's so great to be back with you. I love being on your shows. Thanks for having me.

Connie: I love having you. And Kevin and I have so much in common. And every time we do a show, we get off and we go, we have to do another one, because we have fun. But also Kevin, I think we share some really great content and just some strategies that people can implement immediately. So, always a good time.

Kevin: Yeah, agreed. I loved how you opened this show with your thoughts about heart centered leadership and empowerment. I was taking notes while you were talking. I love that.

04:18 **Connie:** You're so cute. Well, last year with COVID, I was talking to a business coach and the person who helps me produce my show. And I was going to rebrand Enlightenment of Change to just Heart Centered Sales Leader. And they both were like, eh, there's two sides to you. The Enlightenment of Change is all change related, which is important. I could get a little more woo woo on that side. And then they said, but then you have this businessperson, this business woman, that's all about this movement of changing that sales to being something icky, to really coming from love, and care, and respect. They're like, you really need to do two shows. So, you know me, I jump in the deep ends. I'm like, eh, I'll do two shows. No worries.

So I'm excited because this show, the Heart Centered Sales Leader and you being a heart centered CEO, is just a beautiful platform for us to really give the listeners what they need and I think strategies to help. So I'm excited about that. My first question, Kevin. Now you're the CEO, right? It's one of the oldest family businesses in America, not just in Maine. So to what do you owe the credit of just the whole company's longevity?

Kevin: It's kind of crazy. Our company goes back, Connie, to 1848. So before the first cannon ball was fired in the Civil War, and a part of the seventh generation of my family to work for the company. So, key number one to be a sixth-generation company is you had to have started a really long time ago. So we've just been at this for a long time. But beyond that, I think long-term success and short-term success are really pretty similar. It takes persistence, it takes some luck along the way, a lot of help, good values. And finally, the willingness to change.

One of our company's favorite slogan thoughts is, 'always changing to remain the same'. So what's always changing is our best practices. How we do what we do. What remains the same is our core values that we bring to work about people and the higher calling of business and the good it can bring to the world.

Connie: I recorded a show prior to our show for Enlightenment of Change and for the other show, and we were talking about just this, that you have to change to remain the same. But really at the end of it, it's what are your values. And as soon as we go, if our values are off kilter, you're not in the right

job anymore. Well, then you're not gonna perform at your best and give that organization the best of you. Whatever your genius is. So it's exactly what you just said. Yeah. Persistence. Yes. You've been around a long time, but you've been around a long time, I believe Kevin, and just knowing you and through the couple of years that we've known each other, getting to know you, the values matter. And if you have those core values and you, I think you translate that further to that business model, because it's human right. Humans run the business. So we have to have that human component. I think the values are a big piece of business today and thus the Heart Centered Sales Leader show, right.

Kevin: Yes, totally. And I think specifically with respect to values, if we were to say, what kind of values, I think it's values that are meant to benefit everyone, really self-centered approach to business or sales is going to have short legs, but a service approach where the whole purpose of it is to add value to everybody who's connected to the company to help everybody's life, that can have long legs because that's a value that everyone can get behind. Everyone can benefit from, and everyone can participate in.

Connie: Yeah. I just had a meeting with a potential new client, and we were talking about, he works for a community bank out in the Midwest. And he was introduced to me and as we were chatting, I don't know what I said. And I said, "Well, how do you do business development?" I ask questions because I feel like, unless I understand who's in front of me, I really can't give any vital recommendations. And he went through a couple of things, and I said, "Oh, you want a quick hack. I could give you a real quick strategy and tip." He goes, "Oh, I'd love that." And he was very open. So I gave him like two or three quick, little tips for business development. And he looked at me and I said, "Oh, are you doing that already?" I thought, maybe this is like old news. I don't know. And it just always worked for me. I'm thinking, maybe I'm old now, Kev. And he looked at me and he said, "We really need you". And I said, "What?", I was taken back, that wasn't the reaction I was expecting. And he said, "No one's ever taught me that." And he's been in banking for probably 15, 20 years. And I went, oh. And just getting to know me, on Heart Centered he said, we would resonate with you because you're not pushing the sale and all of my recommendations were the people that know and love you go to them and say, Hey, how can we partner? How can we support each other? I said, give first and then ask, hey, do you know any of these people? Can you introduce me?

What I was saying wasn't something new, but here's the thing, Kevin. If people haven't been exposed to that new way of thinking or a simple idea, how do they know how to implement it? And there's blind spots and that's why I love everything you're doing, because I feel like you're, no pun intended because I know you have the voice disorder, but I feel like you're shouting from the mountaintop saying, "There's a better way for businesses to be in business and to become ridiculously profitable". So I think that's important.

Next question, because you did a little bit of a shift. And I think you did it last year, but your whole new website is <u>thebusinessofsharedleadership.com</u> versus kevindhancock.com. Why, what changed? Did the mission change? Why the change in that kind of piece of branding?

10:34 Kevin: Yeah, it was really about me staying on mission. My whole approach is that leaders need to make themselves smaller so that others around them can become bigger. And I got looking at my website, which was all about Kevin D. Hancock. And I'm like, that is just totally the opposite of what I'm trying to do. We gotta come up with a new name. I don't want my name on this website. I want the site to be about an idea, and that idea is sharing leadership, dispersing power, celebrating others, leaders shrinking.

So I'm like, we have got to get my name off the at website, but it's purpose is really to bring attention to the possibilities of this alternative approach, which is to get away from bureaucracy, hierarchy, top down, command and control leadership to a very different model that just disperses power, engages

everybody in sharing leadership responsibility and in which the traditional bosses make themselves smaller. That's what the sites dedicated to, and it's filled with resources and ideas and talks towards that end.

Connie: I love it. And you've been sending newsletters out, too, and I just love reading them because clearly you and I, we get along so well, I think is at the core philosophically I think life, our personal life and our professional life, I think you and I come from that place of respect and care and empowerment. I love that word and they know it's overused to some extent. So I have to ask you a question. When you went to your team and you're like, all right, the Kevin Hancock, we gotta get rid of me and we're gonna shift. Did they giggle? Because usually CEOs are more egotistical. So for you to say, get rid of this, bring this new, what did they say to you?

Kevin: Oh, they know me. Of course they were like, yes, of course that's gonna change. It doesn't make sense. The last thing we need on earth is one more CEO website where it's like, look at me, I'm a CEO. That's again, just totally the opposite of what I'm trying to advance.

Connie: It's counterintuitive, my friends, it's counterintuitive because I've made it to the CEO. Shouldn't people be screaming my name? You're like no, let's not do that. Let me scream your name. So I just love this whole shift. It is just the coolest thing. And with COVID last year, that whole mindset of that pivot shift, we keep using these words, but I think you live and breathe it before COVID even hits you've been doing this, pivoting your company. So I just love it. I just, I love our conversations because of that. All right. So why do you think the timing is right for this type of approach of leadership and organizational excellence, why is it ripe right now?

Kevin: Yeah, I'll go at that great question in two ways. First, I'll go at it spiritually. We are in the aquarian age and the aquarian age is gonna be all about dispersed power, all about honoring each individual as a sacred entity unto himself and herself. And so organizations need to rewire themselves to serve the individuals that belong to that organization. Employees don't exist to serve companies. Companies exist to serve employees. And if companies authentically serve employees, those employees will take amazing care of the company in return. That's right. So the company ends up thriving by not putting itself first. That's the counter intuitive part.

Now, if someone wants more data around your question, as opposed to me talking about the aquarian age, I would say this just Google <u>Gallup polls</u> on engagement at work in America and what you will see today, statistically under the kind of traditional command and control model that still dominates is only about one in three American workers will describe themselves as engaged in work. Meaning two out of three people, their job's not meaningful to them. Globally, Connie, that number falls to 20%. 80% of people on earth will say their job is just an economic exercise. And lots of people will look at the lost economic opportunity that comes by way of a lack of engagement. But what about the human side? What about spending decades at a job that doesn't enrich you? That's just in the 21st century, that's just not okay.

So to me, it's all about resetting goals. And the first goal is to make work meaningful for the people who do it. Someone once said, and I love this quote. 'Customers will never love a company unless employees do.' So it's really about starting with the employee experience and putting that first and trusting if you get that right, everything else will manifest.

Connie: There's so much that you said in those sentences right then that is just mind blowing. So, two thirds of the workforce, right? 66%, almost 70% of the workforce in the U.S. and 80% internationally are literally going through life like zombies. It's soul crushing, it's soul sucking to have to do something that you literally dislike. I'm not even gonna use the word hate, but the word dislike. So that's tragic. And the simple fix is to switch that paradigm of I'm the boss, do what I say, to let's

empower and really let's shift that power disperse the power to the employees who oh, by the way, know they're divisions. And I remember, I think Kevin, it was in one of our first interviews when you first lost your voice. And it was very painful. I don't know if it's still as painful as it was 10 years ago, but I remember you said the employees were coming to you because you were the CEO, they always came to you, and they would ask questions. Literally you couldn't talk, and you would say, what do you think? And if I remember correctly and you could say, tell me if I'm losing my mind and I dreamt this. But their answers, I think you said it was like, oh, that was even better than what I was gonna say, because they're the expert in whatever the division they're running. They're the expert on procurement or fulfillment. You're not! So did I dream that? Or was that the truth?

Kevin: No, that's exactly how I got on this and it's so true when you stop to consider it. Every employee at our company knows their specific role better than anybody else does. And also in the modern age where everything has to happen so quickly, that old model of, I have a question, wait, let me take it up the hill to the emperor or empress on the throne. It just doesn't work anymore. People need to be trusted to trust their own voice. And you guide that not by policy, but by values, you guide that by values.

18:49 **Connie:** Yeah, well said. And yeah, could you imagine if we had to run up and down the mountain every day, nothing would get done with the speed of technology. So forget about that way of living.

Another question for you. So on the website and in your book, you frequently reference what you describe as the 'higher calling of work'. I think we've touched on that, can we dig a little bit deeper? Because this is where we go from being zombies, I think, to really that engagement comes into play.

Kevin: Yeah. I think the highest calling of work is advancing humanity, simply put. That's the highest potential gift that work and free enterprise can bring. But we've got to consciously focus on that goal, because that's a very different goal than putting inventory turns first or a gross margin first. Not that those things aren't important. Of course they're important. But they're not the purpose, the high calling being in business. I also think it's important to think about that highest purpose because most businesses get whatever they prioritize. They do. So the things that aren't happening within a company are simply not happening because they're not being prioritized.

So if someone says, "Kevin or Connie, wow. That sounds lofty to make the goal of my organization the advancement of humanity. How do I do that?" My answer would be super simple, just prioritize that. And over the course of your day, see your company through that lens. These aren't employees, they're human beings and a business has a lot of reach. It touches a lot of people and to boil this down one step further, how is humanity advanced? It's advanced one human at a time. So where would we work on that with adults? We'd work on it where they hang out. Where do adults hang out? They hang out at work. So it really is, either spiritually or logically true, that this is where humanity needs to do the work of uplifting itself, and it will have the great secondary benefit of making companies much more dynamic places.

We talked a few minutes ago about engagement and the national average of 33% at our company. Now it's almost 90%. 565 employees and nine out of 10 confidentially through surveys will define themselves as engaged and our corporate results have soared in conjunction with the employee experience. Soaring, we're literally just riding their wings now.

Connie: And I just want to share because I'm with you, right? The spirituality and the good for humanity. Yes. I do believe that with all my heart as well, but everybody listening, because this is a business platform. People are like yeah. It's all about the profit. I do want to share. And again I think

I've got this right. And I want to brag for a minute about you. I use Kevin a lot in my case studies and how we need to pivot and shift our perspective. So when you lost your voice, it was 2010. 2010?

Kevin: Correct.

Connie: Yes. And if I remember correctly, again, people were coming to you and you're like, "What do you think?" And of course they had these brilliant ideas, and you were like, go forth and do what you think. 10 years from 2010 to 2020, your business in that 10 years, Hancock Construction, did more than from 1848 to 2010. Did I get that correct?

Kevin: You did. And I only tell that story in the spirit you are bringing forth, which is for the idea of shared leadership, in that we made a pivot towards employee experience first, employees as human beings first, everyone's gonna lead. We made more money from 2010 to 2020 than we had made from 1848, Connie, to 2009.

Connie: Mind blower. I know. And that wasn't one of the things we wanted to talk about, but can I tell you, I use you and I use that story so frequently because when I meet leaders and they're like, whoa, we can't do that. And I'm like, just listen to my story. I have this friend and I think he wishes he could look back to 2009 and 10 and say, yeah, I just had a brain blast. I knew I had a dispersed power. Didn't work that way. The universe cracked him upside his head and literally took his voice away, which is no joke. I'm not, I am not joking about that, Kevin at all.

Kevin: Yeah, totally.

Connie: But with that, getting hit with a two by four shifted, forced you to shift everything, but it was the right move. And you, I do believe, are the voice again. And I don't mean that in a joking way. I do believe you are the voice of what future leadership should be. And that's why I just love having you on the show. I loved reading your books, plural books, because Kevin's a tremendous writer, but that little piece of statistics for anybody that's oh, these two are out of their mind. They're woo, woo. You know all of that nonsense. No, for me the proof is in the pudding and the results are there exponentially from a financial standpoint.

Kevin: Yeah, that's what we've seen. And our safety director summed it up really well, Connie. I think what he said to me one day, why all this, this is so simple. People support that which they help to create, best practice that says create policy, create systems, alignment gets tighter. Our discipline got better. This is the thing I've got to keep trying to help people understand what we gave everybody a voice, we became much more accurate, much more disciplined, much more committed to best practices at first, as you say, I think people were like, well, if everyone can just do whatever they want, isn't that chaos and the outcome as just the opposite. When people participate in decision making, that's how you get buy-in. That's how you get alignment. That's how you get discipline. You get it voluntarily. You can never hold it through fear and terror and power. You can't win that way in the 21st century.

26:10 **Connie:** Yeah. And what's so funny, Kevin, I bet if your ancestors did the same thing back in the 1800s, they probably would've even seen more profit. But it was a different time. And we could say that, it was definitely a different time that they were just running the business. But I think that this whole shift of mindset and it really is a shift of mindset. I think that's where we have to start. I want to talk about the book and I do want to hold it up, guys. It's a phenomenal book. <u>The Seventh Power:</u> <u>One CEO's Journey into the Business of Shared Leadership</u>. And that's what it looks like. Every leader out there listening, you really do need to read this book. But dedicating a chapter to the idea of culture makes the difference. Why do you believe that culture is such a critical factor in the

organizational success and what specific types of cultural traits can you? Again, I want to really dig in with the listeners today because I do believe it starts at the culture. Everything we've talked about is cultural. What are those traits that could become tangible?

Kevin: Great questions. Peter Drucker once said offhandedly, that culture eats strategy for breakfast, Connie. That's how powerful culture is now. I used to be a History teacher, and I actually taught Russian and Soviet history. So let's do a historic cultural example in the final days of World War II. Germany got divided between East and West and two countries. Lots of young people might not even remember that today, but Germany was divided between East and West. The West was free, democratic, entrepreneurial. And the East ended up in the Soviet communist command control orbit. West Germany went on to become one of the economic engines of planet earth, and East Germany hung on behind barbed wire, machine gun turrets, and guard dogs until it collapsed under its own weight. But what was the difference between the two Germanys? Think about it this way. It wasn't random when that country was divided, all the "best Germans" were on the west side of a random line, and the less best Germans were on the east side. Both Germanys were filled with amazing people.

So why could one side of that line succeed, while the other floundered? Culture, and specifically to your question, what kind of culture. One culture that pulls power to the center in a super exaggerated way, that communist approach, and one culture that disperses power to individuals. History will show this again and again, look at North and South Korea today. The South Korea economy is like 40 times bigger than the North Korean economy, but it isn't because all the best Koreans are south of that line. Both countries are filled with amazing human beings. It's culture that makes the difference. And this is the responsibility leaders have to take, the culture you set is going to influence the lives and outcomes of everybody in your orbit. Culture is the differentiator.

29:55 **Connie:** It is, it's so true. And you and I were both published in the book, <u>Engaging Experts</u>. You were in the Engaging Experts as well. And it's so funny that I wrote about the importance of culture, and I gave some strategies on how to build that culture, and this is exactly the point. I love the East and West Germany and North, South Korea, because the people are the same.

And here's the other thing too Kevin, Maine and New Jersey. There's good talent everywhere. It's the same. We talk a little different, I'm more Jersey. But the talent is the same and businesses. Why does one business do better than another business in the same category, industry? It goes down to the culture and the leadership. And if we can't, if we do not start empowering and giving people a chance to thriver, I think we're sucking the life out of humans. Here's the other thing. And then I want to talk about your next book before we sign out, because we're really out of time. But I have so many more questions for you. I need to do a two-hour show with you, Kevin. But we need to give people the vision of what is possible. And I think as leaders, that's our responsibility to let people know that they do have a voice they do matter, and their zone of genius is appreciated and needed for my organization, your organization to thrive. The people matter. And I just think that's not how leadership is handled, especially in the United States. And apparently globally, if only 8 out of 10 people are disheartened at work, it's tragic. It's a tragic stat. So I'd like to fall on the 20%, the 2 out of 10 people, hopefully happy that work with me. And I know you feel the same 90% of your people. Your next book, <u>48 Whispers: from Pine Ridge and the Northern Plains.</u> It will be released this June, right? June 2021.

Kevin: Correct.

Connie: Yeah. Tell us what we can expect from that. And does it kind of build on what we're talking about and maybe just a little bit different spin? Because I haven't read it, obviously.

Kevin: It does. But really it's more of a personal development to book meditation. So the book contains 48 ideas that are all 248 words in length. They're super short, Connie. They're meant to be read in just a matter of minutes, but then meditated on. I'm actually suggesting people read this book over the course of a year, one meditation a week for a year.

Now the connection is this book is really about this one big idea: change is created from within. Gandhi, "Become the change you wish to seek in the world". Joseph Campbell, "We are the truth we seek to know." We live in such an externally overwhelming world, particularly these days with COVID and so on. And we've got to retain the ability to sit. To be still. To reflect and look inward. So the idea is simply this, where is change created? It's created within you. The world changes when individuals change. Who's the only person you can change?

Connie: Me.

Kevin: And so this book, yeah. If I'm a leader, I would benefit from that. But my biggest wish from the book is if I'm a human, I would benefit from it. This book is really meant for all humanity and to encourage people to look inward and to see the amazing, awesome person that you are exactly as you are, nothing has to change for you to be awesome. And once you start, you cannot bring love in the world till you bring it into your own soul. And I really love a lumber company CEO writing about this stuff. That's the other part of it that I get a kick out of, but I also hope will help people see that this can come from everywhere. And it can come from the plates of work to the point of your great mission with all that you do.

Connie: I'm giggling, because you're a lumber company. Like, you're a lumberjack. That's what you are, Kevin. You're a lumberjack. And here you are, and I just crack up because this lumberjack is bringing us this powerful, individualized meditation, because everybody meditates differently. But having that really short passage, so no one could say, oh, I'm too busy. Nonsense. If Kevin, who's running this major conglomerate, and me, not that I have a major conglomerate, but I'm running a pretty successful business here. If we can find the time to do these 248 words and just percolate on it, you never know the magic that's gonna come from that. And that's, you said it before the ripple effect. And I just, I feel like every one of us, every human, we impact people. We might not know how we're impacting people, right? So we're the pebble in the ponds. What are those orbits? What are those concentric circles that come out from us in our orbit? What effect are we having on those around us?

And I think a lot of times we'll never know. And sometimes it's even years later where people say, hey do you remember. And you don't know how that changed my life. I mean, that's happened to me, I'm gonna be 60 this year. And in that time span, people I've met, you see them years later and they'll say something, Kevin, I won't even remember. And I say really, and they go, you have no idea how profound that was for me. And I think, wow, we go through our life talking and engaging with other humans. Be careful because you have the power to strike someone down, but you also have the power to raise them up. And I just think that your books and you and what your, again, the lumberjack with meditation, it just says it all. For me, it says it all.

Kevin: I love what you said, and I might quickly add too, this book is really an invitation to serve yourself. Here is the other big idea that the book is trying to share. Done correctly, being selfish is selfless. We make our self strong and full of love, that is how we get to others. The whole idea of draining yourself to serve others has a short lifespan. So it's really about, if you put your wholeness first, you will magnify your ability to give to others. It's a me centered gift to humanity.

Connie: Well, it's just like when you fly and you're with the child and if God forbid the mask comes down, the first thing they say is, you have to put the mask on, and your instinct is I got to save my kid, but if you're passed out, your kid's gonna die. You need to be functioning to be able to support those

around you, in that case, save your kid. Kevin, I honest to God, we tease, but we always have fun when we get together. I feel like there's so much to talk about, because again, I just think from values, philosophical, as business owners, family values, all of those things I think that we are, lumberjack, Italian, know, first generation Italian chick from Jersey. And yet we're the same at the core, Kevin. I just feel like we're the same. And I just love that. I love that about you, and I think that's why I enjoy having you on my show so much. By the way, Mister, I better get a copy of that book and it better be signed like my other books.

Kevin: Well, yeah, I love being on your shows. I want everyone to know, when you email and ask me, I don't even read the email. I just say yes, Connie. I'm like, I don't care what we're gonna talk about. Yes. I don't care what it is. Yes. I don't care, yes, whatever you want to talk about, I will talk about it with you. I really love your energy and the good you're bringing into the world for others. So it matters. Thank you.

38:29 **Connie:** Yeah. It's our calling, my calling is this big mouth that I was given at birth. And I really hope that I use that superpower that I don't just talk at people. I hope I empower people for them to stop and think, wait a minute I can do that. And if I can help one person have that aha moment for themselves, that's my blessing for me. That's what I'm grateful for.

Everybody you need to check out and get on Kevin's email list. It's go to <u>thebusinessofleadership.com</u>. Easy to remember, but I will put it in the show notes. His newsletter is amazing. It's thought provoking and I really do hope, and I want to go back in my notes here, <u>48 Whispers From Pine Ridge</u> and the Northern Plains. And you'll understand that, I'm sure in the book, read his second book. Give me the name of the second book. It's alluding me now, Kevin.

Kevin: The Seventh Power: One CEO's Journey into the Business Shared Leadership.

Connie: No the Pine Ridge book, the other book.

Kevin: Oh, the first book. Not For Sale: Finding Center in the land of Crazy Horse.

Connie: Again, another great read. Summer's coming, right? We're entering spring. Woohoo. So summer is coming. I'm telling you, great reads for the summer, and I am expecting my book and I wanted signed by you, Mr. John Hancock.

Kevin: Coming yes, will do, deal.

Connie: And always a pleasure having you. Thank you for just an enlightening conversation, sharing yourself so freely and just being you. I mean, you're like one of the coolest dudes I know, and I'm just so happy you're in my life. I really mean that from my heart. Yeah.

Kevin: Thanks so much, Connie. I love being with you.

Connie: Yeah, same here. And you guys, I hope you need a little more of me in your life. Go to Whitmanasso.com, everything's there. I believe in one stop shop. I try to make it easy peasy for you to find me, connect with me, get my resources, books, whatever you need. Whitmanasso.com. Check me out and again. Kevin, thank you so much. I really hope everybody listening, I hope that you just one little tip, maybe that Kevin and I explored today, that you can implement immediately, whether it's in your life personally, or in your leadership life, if you're a leader, start playing and experimenting and see the response and results you get. It's really magnificent and you can check range things a heck of a

lot easier than I think we often think the implementation is usually pretty, pretty easy. Kevin, thank you again, always a delight and all of you.

I hope you would join me weekly as we question build and discover together that being a heart centered in my case sales leader, in Kevin's case, just a heart center, powerful leader. You guys, we have to change the momentum and the trajectory of business. We have to come, not only talk the talk, we need to walk the walk, of being heart centered business owners, leaders, career people. So I hope that you're enjoying the show and I want to thank you for tuning to The Heart Centered Sales Leader podcast with me. You're heart centered, and I'm gonna say leader overall, on webtalkradio.net. I wish you all an inspired week. And I have to say, I am truly blessed to have every one of you on this journey with me. And I'm really blessed to have guests like Kevin come on the show and hopefully share their genius with you so that you embrace being that heart center leader. Let's take on the world, let's make you great. And we could do it together, so thanks for tuning in everybody. Thanks again, Kevin.