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*Deborah Tannen*

*"Is it possible to start with common ground- areas of agreement- and work toward areas of disagreement, which would be a flipping of the argument culture? That's what we mean by winsome: Can we do this and keep our sense of humor? Can we do this and keep our convictions, but still show charity toward the person with whom we disagree?"*

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*"Oftentimes we state our convictions as if it's a way to end the conversation. Part of the Winsome Conviction Project is to say: How about if we stated our convictions in a way that begins a conversation, that invites others to contribute, respond, interact - and therefore will deepen and enrich our convictions?"*

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*"The content is important. That's our argument. That's our conviction. That's why we feel strongly about a particular issue. But here's what we learned from communication theory: If the relational level is broken, no one cares about your content. If I don't feel respected by you, I don't want to hear your argument. If I feel like you have no compassion toward me and I feel like you don't acknowledge my position, then I don't care what your argument is because we've been sidetracked."*

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*"One of our biggest challenges is actually successfully achieving disagreement, because we so frequently don't understand each other. If I can't state your viewpoint in a way that you nod your head and say, "Yes, that's right, that is what I think," then I can't possibly disagree with you, because I don't know what you think."*

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