

It's Been Said

“People can connect better with the people around them, understand more of what’s going on with the people around them, and understand more in general.”

Mark Zuckerberg,
Facebook co-founder



As a society, I think we spend too much time looking at screens and not enough time talking to real people. Doesn't Facebook just rob us of our real-life relationships?



Jason & Kelli:

Computers are and always will be a part of our lives. What we do with them and how much time is consumed by them is a matter of setting personal boundaries.

We have found Facebook to be a great way to go deeper with a lot more friends and family we wouldn't have the time or energy to connect with. Whether our FB Friends live down the block, around the world, or somewhere in between, regularly sharing our lives with one another online (viewing and sharing pictures and reading updates) can really enhance our real-life experiences with them.



Jason:

My cousin moved from Seattle to Tennessee a few years ago. While he's been away, we've stayed connected through Facebook. When I saw him at a recent family gathering, we were able to jump past the small talk and predictable pleasantries and engage on what has been going on in



each other's lives. It made the live, face-to-face experience much more dynamic and interesting.



Kelli:

I have found that Facebook has helped me stay in better touch with what is going on with our neighbors and local friends. When I run into a FB Friend at the grocery store or coffee shop or a soccer practice, I've found that my live conversation with them is less superficial and much more personal.



Jason & Kelli:

But you do bring up a valid concern. It is important for us to make sure there is balance between fostering our relationships online and in real life.



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