


The Beginning Of A Friendship: Karen Pressley And Me

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Funny enough, Karen Pressley and I became friends due to Karen de la Carriere's efforts to control and influence Pressley's Facebook group Administrative actions through me. Pressley runs a group called Scientology Whistleblowers, Observers & Troublemakers, and Carriere used to hold Administrative status but no longer. This transcript goes along with **Karen De La Carriere Wants Karen Pressley To Confront Cathy**, and both can be read side by side for a much deeper understanding of events here.

The Removal Of Cathy Schenklerberg

8/23/2019 –

Corey Andrews 9:08 PM: Hello Karen. I'm messaging you because I've chosen to leave the SWOT and will no longer be posting Rinder's articles there. A little while ago, I was booted from the Canada against Scientology group by Cathy Schenklerberg, and she has me blocked and is a member of your group. I don't feel comfortable being a part of the group anymore because of this. My only offense in the group was posting Rinder's articles, and she is vehemently against Mike Rinder because she was John Mcghee's girlfriend and he is a known Rinder-hater

Karen Pressley 10:12 PM: Corey, thank you so much for reaching out to me, and letting me know. I am very sorry to hear that one person's action from SWOT would make you feel unwelcome ♥♥ I would much prefer to resolve the situation than have you leave this group. As you know, I'm an adamant Rinder supporter and defender, and I've lost people from this group because I defend him. So it's very difficult when I hear people leaving because I defend him, and because there are members against him. She is a minority and not someone who influences my group decisions. I hope you will stay, Corey. I always value your posts and your presence here.

8/24/2019 – The next day:

Corey Andrews 6:26 AM: I guess I have a lot to think about. Because I do like you, and I don't have a problem with you, and I also like making sure Rinder's articles are seen by everyone. There is a group in which Cathy moderates, and she blocked and banned me from the Canada Against Scientology group because of the mere fact that I post Mike's articles.

Corey Andrews 6:28 AM: Her and I have never even exchanged words. But her actions have

shown me that she isn't anti-scientology, she's just selfish and needs to learn to set her priorities straight.

Corey Andrews 6:32 AM: You know, the way I see it is that if people want to attack critics like Mike Rinder, then they're AIDING the COS, more specifically OSA

Corey Andrews 6:32 AM: This is what OSA wants. Division, and critics critiquing each other instead of the cult itself. Distractions.

Corey Andrews 7:05 AM: I have to go off to work, but I will be contemplating this situation. I'm having a hard time figuring out a way to move forward here. Send me a group invite, and I will consider rejoining, but still im awaiting your thoughts on this Cathy person.

Karen Pressley 9:11 AM: Corey, to me Cathy S has become a conundrum. I met her at her show in Tampa in 2017, where I also met Christie Colbran and saw Mike Rinder for the first time since he had left the cult. We all had a great time together. Suddenly earlier this year she began criticizing Mike and none of us could understand it. Prior to that, she got involved with some of the Irish folks, specifically John McGhee, who evidently turned her against Mike. But clearly, she hasn't decided about him, because if you look at her friends list, she is still friends with Mime and Christie. She has reached out to me as she is clearly trying to reconcile her own beliefs and she has shared several things with me that make me want to try to get her through this and "come back" to our side. I maintain friends with her even while she is on the SD site which black PRs me all the time. I don't want to lose hope in turning Cathy away from those vile people. Meanwhile, she has had falling outs with other critics such as Karen DLC and Jeffrey A, and I just checked her friends list, Karen and Jeffrey are not there. So I'm wondering if she has blocked you on CAS for the reason that you are an OB admin and friends of Karen and Jeffrey. That's just a theory but may be the reason she blocked you. Strangely, both she and Tony O are admins on CAS which is an interesting combination, since she also criticizes Tony. Regarding your being in SWOT, she is one person of 600+, so I'm hoping you will stay in SWOT and continue posting Mike's articles. It's a big help to the group, too, and it would be sad if you stopped because of that one person in the group.

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Karen Pressley 9:51 AM: Mark, just sent you some messages from Corey Andrews, I wanted you to see our dialog.

Karen Pressley 10:59 AM: Corey, I shared some of our conversation with Mark Plummer, our admin, as he helps me with so much. Just wanted you to know because he might reach out to you.

Corey Andrews 6:09 PM: Thank you for handling the situation with such care and good intent, it means a lot, and I respect that a great deal. For that reason, I will be rejoining your group and will continue to post Mike's articles, despite any problems caused by Cathy.

Corey Andrews 6:31 PM: Actually.

Corey Andrews 6:31 PM: I had some last split-second thoughts, completely disregard that last message.

Corey Andrews 6:34 PM: Imagine how it would feel if we allowed Alanzo into the Outer Banks. You're essentially doing the same exact thing by saying you're going to keep Cathy in your group. I've seen some of the things Cathy has been writing about Mike Rinder, and if you were a true supporter of Mike like you say you are, you wouldn't be allowing this

small minority of haters in your groups. Cathy has blocked and banned me from CAS along with other critics she has blocked as well. She's a snake, and you can't expect anything to change with her this far into the game. She has made her decisions, and she is on the wrong side of things.

Karen Pressley 6:49 PM: Corey, I certainly respect your views. The truth is, many of the people in several FB groups have hidden intents, and if we were to try to filter them all out, it would be like the McCarthy era of accusing them of thinking things that they don't necessarily act on. For example, Some groups including OB and supporters (where I am a mod) have blocked people while accusing them of being OSA when they were not. My admin is one of those people! It was just recently (after two years) he worked things out and an admin apologized to him. For somebody like Cathy S who waffles because she is on the fence, I still think there's a chance to help get her out of the SD mindset. I hate to give up on people. But I will say I've thought several times of blocking her but haven't only because I'm still trying and don't want to give up on her. I'd much rather have members be a positive influence and supportive of the efforts to expose the cult. Please keep in mind that every person who has left is in some stage of recovery and still susceptible to influence. When you block somebody like Cathy S and a few others like her, you cut the chance of bringing them over to your aide and just push them further away. If you'd like to learn an interesting lesson, compare the member list of SD with OB and you'll see many who are members of both. Should all those people be blocked or mistrusted? No, of course not, until they violate group rules in the group site. Thank you for considering my ideas here.

Corey Andrews 7:04 PM: How many posts like this one do you need to see in order to confront?

Cathy Posted In Canada Against Scientology Group About Karen De La Carriere

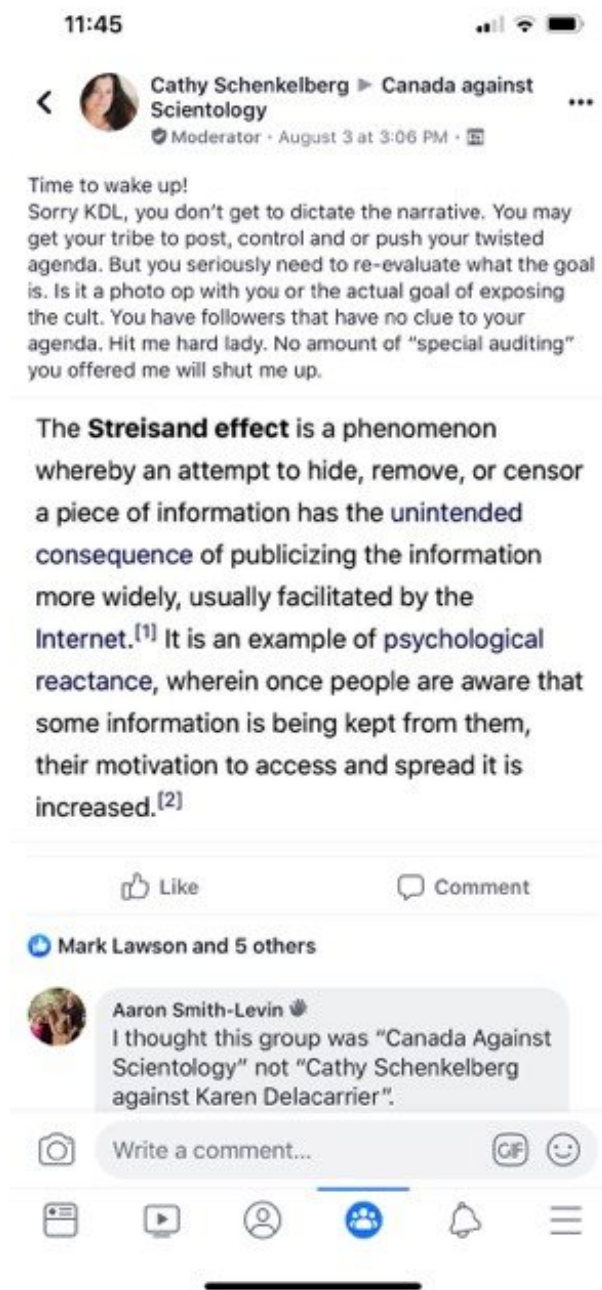
Karen Pressley 7:22 PM: I don't visit CAS and didn't see this. And I don't patrol all groups other than my own to find out what ugly things people are saying about each other. She didn't post that in SWOT. So at this point, you're offending me by suggesting that my confront is questionable. You also offended me in your earlier message saying "if you really support Mike Rinder..." Because you are questioning my intentions. I don't have to defend myself to you. My own writings and actions show exactly where I stand. I'm sorry if you do not see my reasoning, and I have taken time to explain my thoughts and intentions, which you acknowledged earlier, but now you are insulting me. I get the feeling that someone is talking in your ear about me and that's why you are addressing me with such disrespect.

Corey Andrews 7:29 PM: I'm done, and moving on. Meant no disrespect.

Karen Pressley 7:35 PM: Have you also reached out to Mark Plummer, admin of SWOT, who makes decisions with me about all members? Are you addressing him the same way as you have me? I ask because it looks like you are picking on me specifically, which makes me think someone is influencing you against me personally. That is sad. BTW, Mark was the one who was blocked by KDLC and accused of being OSA, but a few years later she apologized for that and he went back into the group. It is very hurtful to be so judgmental of me Corey. This does not build good relations. Moving on.

Corey Andrews 7:40 PM: This whole situation has left me in low spirits.. I don't revel in it.

Corey Andrews 7:44 PM: My problem is with Cathy Schenklerberger. My problem is with a woman that posts hate in other groups, and is given leeway in your group simply because she hasn't posted anything hateful YET... My loyalties are STRONG, and will not be MISPLACED in people that are straying off course.



Corey Andrews 7:45 PM: I used an example earlier. Alanzo wouldn't be invited to the Outer Banks. Alanzo, even if he BEHAVED in the OB, would not be invited NOR allowed to stay. We all know who he is and what he says and does.

Corey Andrews 7:45 PM: Why would those same reasons not apply to other HATEFUL individuals?

Corey Andrews 7:47 PM: I'm sorry that you feel you can change this woman. You're deluding yourself if you think that you can change a snake. If speaking truthfully about my thoughts and feelings is considered disrespectful by you, again, I apologize that you're taking it in that manner, but our respect for each other isn't the issue here. The issue is Cathy walking all over critics that I consider to be my friends.

Corey Andrews 7:48 PM: And then I guess your issue would be that you think you can have a positive impact on Cathy.

Karen De La Carriere Tells Me Word For Word What To Say

Corey Andrews 7:56 PM: Unlike Cathy Schenklerberger, I'm my own man, Karen. I make my own decisions and have my own thoughts and feelings that aren't subject to influence after sex. Cathy became a different person after her encounter with John Mcghee.

Corey Andrews 7:56 PM: Now please, let's end this.

Corey Andrews 8:07 PM: I'd like to add that I haven't asked you to do a damned thing about Cathy, for the record. It's your group and you can do whatever you please, but it is also my right to not participate and contribute to a group I don't support, for the reasons I listed.

Karen Pressley 8:39 PM: Thank you Corey. I respect your views. Just want to end by saying I totally get what you're saying about Cathy. But no, I am not deluded thinking I can have a positive influence on her or anyone else that is perceived as having zero good qualities as a human being, and is nothing but a purely hateful person who should just be obliterated. Sorry, I don't believe that is true. I think people can change, and if I didn't believe that I would lose all hope in humanity. Find one human being who is pure and perfect and has never done anything hateful in their life. I am not quick to judge or hammer people for phases in their life where they screw up. I also don't like to kick people while they are down. I'd rather be there to pick them up. I don't subscribe to group think. Some people are so judgmental and controlling that they have a very long list of people they have blocked. To me, Blocking is like disconnection. I don't condone that other than a last resort. I will never spend my life monitoring all message boards and I am not in the business of trying to get everyone to think like me or to control to only one particular point of views. This is not a black and white universe. I wish you well, Corey.

Corey Andrews 8:43 PM: I wish you well too.. but I think you're confused on one thing. I never blocked her, from anything. I've also never exchanged words with her. She blocked and banned me only because of her loyalty to John Mcghee and hatred for Mike Rinder.

Karen Pressley 8:45 PM: Sorry I wasn't implying you blocked her and I know you told me she blocked you. I'm referring to FB groups who have a long list of disconnections/blocks. That's not something to be proud of. We need to communicate with people and help them get through their shit, get them to the other side.

Corey Andrews 8:48 PM: I did read everything you said, and I do acknowledge where you're coming from and I respect it. But as I wrote to you earlier, I have my own ideas about things, and I think that if I were you I would be more aggressive in how I go about getting Cathy to re-evaluate herself.

Corey Andrews 8:48 PM: That's what I meant earlier on the issue of confronting

Karen Pressley 8:48 PM: Good suggestion and Mark and I are both going to do that.

Corey Andrews 8:49 PM: Even though the issue didn't spawn within your group, these things have a way of .. bleeding

Karen Pressley 8:50 PM: They do bleed, but we have to repair the wounds and keep building.

Stepping On The Toes Of Karen De La Carriere

Corey Andrews 8:50 PM: I consider myself to be a progressive person.. I like to find ways to move forward, and co-exist.

Karen Pressley 8:50 PM: Me too.

Corey Andrews 8:51 PM: But it can be hard to do that when feeling like co-existing means stepping on the toes of certain people

Corey Andrews 8:51 PM: and that's how I feel in light of these events

Corey Andrews 8:51 PM: I don't want to step on the toes of people I admire and am loyal to

Corey Andrews 8:52 PM: I hope you understand what I mean about that

Corey Andrews 8:55 PM: I thought long and hard about what you said about this situation not doing good to build relations... Ultimately that's why I'm here. To build relations. To RELATE. I even posted my own story about what happened to me in my youth, into 2 parts. It was tough for me to do that, but because I am an activist for people that have suffered abuses, it gave me strength to talk about my story

Corey Andrews 8:56 PM: But I only disclosed my own story not to garner pity, but to help people understand that in a way, ive been there.

Karen Pressley 9:08 PM: First, I understand, and understand that you do not want to step on any toes of anyone. Know that I am in the same boat. It is difficult but we each have to find our way using sincere diplomacy and human compassion. It's really great that you shared your story as you did. It is truly powerful to share your truth because people relate to it and it helps them To heal. I hope you continue.

Corey Andrews 9:11 PM: I may, I may not. It drained the hell out of me to be THAT transparent

Corey Andrews 9:11 PM: part 2 especially

Corey Andrews 9:11 PM: it made me feel naked

Corey Andrews 9:11 PM: and embarrassed, actually

Corey Andrews 9:11 PM: but those feelings are subsiding.

Corey Andrews 9:11 PM: I had a lot of anxiety too

Karen Pressley 9:12 PM: Yes it's not easy. I feel that way a lot, especially after I wrote my book. Then articles. Then posts. It's draining emotionally.

Corey Andrews 9:12 PM: It's good to know that I'm not alone in that feeling, then.

Corey Andrews 9:12 PM: I wasn't confident in my posting of it

Corey Andrews 9:12 PM: my heart was racing before and after

Corey Andrews 9:13 PM: I think a lot of the reason for that is because we don't know how people are going to take our stories

Corey Andrews 9:14 PM: My story particularly, because I felt as if I was describing a man that is the combination of LRH and DM

Corey Andrews 9:14 PM: lacking a massive money making cult to control, of course.

Corey Andrews 9:15 PM: I think that men like DM and LRH are far more common than ppl think.

Karen Pressley 9:19 PM: I am going to go back and read both parts of your story. I think I may have only read part one. But it is always difficult to bare one's soul because the world can be so judgmental and there are always risks. Stay strong! Keep communicating!

Corey Andrews 9:21 PM: I'm going to rejoin the SWOT

Karen Pressley 9:22 PM: I am sooooo glad. You are a special person, very compassionate. You're a strong communicator. It's not easy to do what we do. Welcome back!

Corey Andrews 9:22 PM: Thank you 😊

Corey Andrews 9:23 PM: I never wanted to leave in the first place

Corey Andrews 9:23 PM: But I see now that leaving isn't the right decision in order to fix a problem

Karen Pressley 9:24 PM: Ha, you just brought me to tears.

Corey Andrews 9:24 PM: aw 😊

Karen Pressley 9:25 PM: What are these Facebook groups, really, other than opportunities to use good communication to help people. We are all growing.

Corey Andrews 9:25 PM: I agree with that completely.

Karen Pressley 9:26 PM: Thank you Corey for communicating with me. I really do believe it's what this is all about.

Corey Andrews 9:29 PM: I'm glad we did communicate our thoughts and feelings on things. We also managed to get to know each other a little bit more better, and im thankful for those opportunities to communicate

Corey Andrews 9:30 PM: we'll find a way to move forward together, because disconnection isn't the answer in Scientology and it certainly isn't the answer outside of the cult

Accepting Moderator Position In Scientology Whistleblowers, Observers And Troublemakers

Karen Pressley 9:36 PM: Agreed. Perhaps some day would you consider taking a role in SWOT to help us? You are strong and resilient and I have gotten to know you better and see that you do care about people very much. Mark Plummer, my only other admin, is like that as well. He's a wonderful person to get to know, he's a great listener and very compassionate. He's been out for 26 years. He is working on recovering a few people who got sucked into the Scientology Deprogramming group and has hopes of getting them Out of there. I will share with you that he has a time set tomorrow to talk with Cathy S. He's going to let me know how it goes tomorrow. It's like working with a drug addict—you have to keep plugging along with high hopes. Not easy not is it pleasant.

Corey Andrews 9:37 PM: I could manage another Moderator position if that's what you're

asking. As Moderator, I don't actively seek out bad behavior within a group, I handle it as I see it. But I do notice it and don't tolerate it when it happens.

Karen Pressley 9:39 PM: I would welcome you as a moderator. I'm sure Mark would agree with me. I will invite you! Thank you. This is an awesome outcome and really means a lot to me.

Corey Andrews 9:41 PM: It is an unexpected outcome, and a pleasant one. I was saddened by everything earlier, and it troubles me when I can't move forward in a way that feels right..

Karen Pressley 9:41 PM: That's exactly how I felt!!

Corey Andrews 9:42 PM: Happy to be on the same page now though

Corey Andrews 9:42 PM: 😊

Corey Andrews 9:43 PM: although something tells me that we never really were off of the same page, we just didn't have a good understanding of each other until we talked.

Corey Andrews 9:43 PM: thoroughly*

Corey Andrews 9:44 PM: regarding Cathy, i'm dropping it and leaving it in yours and Mark's hands

Karen Pressley 9:45 PM: Thanks, don't know how that will turn out with Cathy. We will see. I shared with Mark your suggestion that we step up her need to re-evaluate herself. He's working on that.

Corey Andrews 9:46 PM: Honestly, that's all that I ask. Thank you

Corey Andrews 9:50 PM: I'm on the east coast. Almost 10pm here. I go to bed shortly and wake up every day at 5am

Corey Andrews 9:51 PM: Which timezones do you and Mark belong to?

Corey Andrews 9:57 PM: Well i'll bid you a goodnight, and we'll chat more tomorrow.

Karen Pressley 10:05 PM: I'm in EST Atlanta, he's in Austin, TX. Good nite!

8/25/2019 – The following day:

Corey Andrews 7:10 PM: Out of curiosity, why did Karen DLC lose her Admin position in SWOT?

Corey Andrews 7:11 PM: This is me asking for my own personal knowledge, not for anybody elses

Corey Andrews 7:12 PM: I'd also like to hear about the situation in which Mark Plumber was falsely accused of being OSA. You made me curious on that issue as well

Mark Plummer Accused Of Being OSA

Karen Pressley 7:16 PM: First re Mark: Mark is a technical expert and was once an admin in OB because of his expertise. He made a mistake that caused him to be accused of being OSA, along with another thing. Mark would probably share the details with you if you asked him. He also defended a dear friend of his named Colleen Irish Rose, who was also accused of being OSA. So he was booted out and blocked for a long time. Very hurtful. He is a really good person and I trust him. But he just recently got it resolved and they apologized to him. This is why I don't like blocking, it is so hurtful. Especially when it's unjust!!!

Karen Pressley 7:25 PM: Change of admins is a rather long story. I went through a very tough time about two Months ago, was in hospital for high blood pressure, and one day just said that's it, my group is not going to stress me out. I did an experiment, one of the points was to see what would happen if/ when I changed admins and mods. Two of them were very supportive of my "time-out experiment" and supported me. We continue to move forward together. I am still sorting this out with Karen who I did not mean to upset but I have. She reached out to me today and we are talking it through now. I regret not reaching out to her sooner.

Corey Andrews 7:27 PM: Is that conversation in progress? I do hope it to be a fruitful one

Karen Pressley 7:28 PM: Yes, quite a long pm conversation today. Still ongoing but we are making progress.

Corey Andrews 7:28 PM: Thank God for that.

Karen Pressley 7:28 PM: Yes!

Corey Andrews 7:28 PM: i'm sick and tired of the division, and critics critiquing critics. I'm after the ENEMY! (COS/DM/OSA)

Karen Pressley 7:29 PM: Exactly!! Me too!!

Corey Andrews 7:29 PM: I was just telling Tony Ortega earlier that idk how the hell he manages to stay neutral. I feel like he pulls it off better than most

Corey Andrews 7:29 PM: Because I wanted advice on how to remain neutral and support EVERYONE (all critics of Scientology) without stepping on certain people's toes.

Karen Pressley 7:32 PM: Yes he is a good manager of his communication. He reaches out to me often to provide back story on situations when he sees that I need help with info in dealing with people who attack me or my friends. He's awesome. Re critics attacking critics: 100% agree I want it to stop. That's also why I haven't given up hope of salvaging Cathy S. I don't want to see people Sucked into the black hole of evilness in certain groups. If I lose, I lose but first I'm still trying.

Corey Andrews 7:37 PM: I hear you 100%

Corey Andrews 7:37 PM: we're on the same page

Corey Andrews 7:38 PM: I'm still developing a relationship with many critics

Corey Andrews 7:38 PM: and in the meantime learning who doesn't like who lol

Corey Andrews 7:39 PM: as I said, I don't want to step on toes but its tough

Corey Andrews 7:39 PM: because it can happen even though you're trying your damndest not to let it

Corey Andrews 7:39 PM: generally speaking, I mean

Karen Pressley 7:57 PM: Yes. Very true. I try my hardest to be diplomatic even with people I disagree with. I try to focus on the issue or subject and state facts or my views without minimizing the other person's. Not easy to not step on toes sometimes. I think staying true to oneself is #1. – being loyal to one's moral code is #1 versus being loyal to any group think. – some people who are overbearing or controlling who convince you they are right, and must have their own way, cannot at the same time make you compromise who you are. If that happens, the best choice is to be true to yourself. That's keeps me out of trouble for the most part!

Corey Andrews 8:00 PM: That is some genuinely good and well received advice, thank you for it

Getting Slammed Backchannel By Karen De La Carriere For Not Leaving Pressley's Group

Corey Andrews 8:12 PM: Karen

Corey Andrews 8:12 PM: I've been stressed out all day

Karen Pressley 8:13 PM: Getting any better, or still ongoing?

Corey Andrews 8:13 PM: and I didn't want to mention this to you, and I do hope you don't say anything of this to anyone, but me accepting the Mod position in SWOT has caused me to step on toes

Corey Andrews 8:13 PM: That's all im going to say, to protect confidentiality

Corey Andrews 8:14 PM: but I want you to know that some people aren't happy with me

Corey Andrews 8:14 PM: please keep that between us

Corey Andrews 8:14 PM: because I don't want to further step on toes

Karen Pressley 8:14 PM: Yes, confidential.

Karen Pressley 8:16 PM: You make your own choices and have to be your own person. A friend would understand that about you. And encourage you to do that.

Karen Pressley 8:18 PM: For me, i have to turn my loyalties to my own Moral code, not to others' expectations for me.

Karen Pressley 8:22 PM: If someone is trying to control your narrative, it might be time to question whether that aligns with who you are. Or why anyone would want you to show a bias against something or someone that they have a problem with.

Karen Pressley 8:36 PM: I hope I didn't offend you with anything I said.

Corey Andrews 8:38 PM: oh no absolutely not, I would straight up let you know if you did LOL, im very honest in that regard

Corey Andrews 8:38 PM: ive just been juggling conversations

Karen Pressley 8:38 PM: Well please don't feel any pressure from me at this end.

Corey Andrews 8:39 PM: I may have to get off of here for the night. I'm exhausted from FB. And no worries at all 😊

Karen Pressley 8:39 PM: I understand the exhaustion!! 😊

Corey Andrews 8:40 PM: Lol yes! I've been playing damage control for awhile now

Corey Andrews 8:40 PM: I need a break

Karen Pressley 8:40 PM: Have a good break! And good nite!

Corey Andrews 8:40 PM: You too! We all need a break LOL

Karen Pressley 8:40 PM: 🙄

Corey Andrews 8:40 PM: FB sure is somethin.

Corey Andrews 8:40 PM: lol

Karen Pressley 8:41 PM: Indeed. I've often wanted to just take an LOA.

Corey Andrews 8:41 PM: I hear you. I'll ttyl, goodnight Karen 😊

Karen Pressley 8:42 PM: 😊

See more backchannel communications in Transcripts.