

My H.A.L.L.M.A.R.K. card from the JMT

As I leave the Live Event and reflect on everything that happened, I have a new appreciation for what it means to *collect my thoughts*, because I am still looking for parts of my brain that exploded during the Event. Please, if you find any of my spare parts, I *really do* need them, so put them in an envelope and mail them to me.

Since John's birthday was one of the highlights, I found myself thinking about how special his cards were, and then it dawned on me, that's how I could sum up -- at least so far -- the vast treasure of what had been imparted to me during the Event. So as the key concepts began to take shape, I suddenly saw the connection....This was ***my*** H.A.L.L.M.A.R.K. card from John and the entire JMT!

Seriously, I have NEVER been so impressed with a group of people who genuinely embodied these traits. Without a seconds hesitation, I would tell anyone that John and his team -- part of my new extended family -- are the real deal and practice what they preach. So, here is ***my*** card from the JMT.

H. Humility.

I am so glad this letter comes first, because this is first and foremost what I saw in John and his team. My radar goes up when I see someone *trying* to be humble. John was not trying to be humble; God has worked humility into his character and it shows. I can trust a humble person, and John is such a person.

A. Authentic.

If this letter had been a "g", then it would mean "gratuitous" right Ed? John's ability to be vulnerable and admit he is only one step away from stupid is both beautifully humble and completely authentic.

L. Loving.

I have NEVER seen ANYONE capable of expressing such genuine, unconditional love to over 600 people at one time and connecting to EACH of us. It is a good thing I believe in miracles, because I will add this to the list of amazing miracles I have seen in my life.

L. *Learning.*

Unquestionably, this is the heartbeat of JMT. The relentless pursuit of our full potential is built into our DNA.

M. *Mentoring.*

Adding value to others is also part of JMT's DNA. John's commitment to mentoring naturally flows out of his commitment to see each of us develop our full potential.

A. *Accepting.*

In every story and every interaction, John displayed his complete acceptance of each and every person. I could have just as easily substituted the point that John **Values** everyone, but it would have messed up my card.

R. *Risk-taking.*

If Paul expects me to build my wings on the way down, I can't think of a clearer picture of being a risk-taker!

K. *Kind.*

The patient and gracious way that John and his team treated us was remarkable. To be able to kindly challenge me to grow beyond my comfort zone is compelling.

In closing.....

“Hi, my name is Steve, and I'm your friend. I am deeply grateful for your H.A.L.L.M.A.R.K. card.”