

Connecting

Connection doesn't happen at the start. That's why it's called cold calling.

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They've agreed to talk. That doesn't mean they're ready to let us in.

Connection happens when calibration and clarity begin to work together.

When we've shown that we understand where the client is going, and we've removed the weight of confusion, hesitation, or uncertainty, that's when something shifts. The tone changes. The conversation opens. The client stops performing, and so do we.

We're no longer guessing. We're no longer pitching. We're aligned.

Most people treat connection like a soft skill. Build rapport. Be likable. Ask how the weekend was. But that's not connection. That's politeness.

Real connection shows up when we've earned the right to be in the real conversation.

The one that wasn't in the agenda, but the one that was always going to matter more.

That progress ... that's trust. And it doesn't come from better questions or stronger slides. It comes from proving we've been listening long enough to understand what's at stake and being clear enough to make it safe to keep going. That's what shifts the conversation from transactional to mutual. Not because we changed our tone, but because we earned the ground we're standing on.

When calibration gives us direction, and clarity removes resistance, connection is what opens the door to everything that comes next.

It's not the introduction. It's the shift. And once it happens, we're not just in the meeting, we're in the work together.

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