

Do you leave voicemail on others' phones? Are there particular people you feel comfortable sending voicemail?: I feel very comfortable leaving voicemail's for my grandma, Kip Clark, and a few of my friends who have yet to embrace the smart-phone! I am much better at talking than texting.

After calling an unanswered phone, what determines whether you leave a voicemail?: After calling an unanswered phone, I will leave a voicemail if I want that person to feel loved, appreciated, complimented, ect. BUT I recognize that voicemails are not the most effective means at communicating important, urgent, logistical information-- thus, in those cases I will opt for a more comprehensive text with the specific details.

When compared to other forms of communication (letters, text, email, etc), does voicemail strike you as antiquated? Why/why not?: Voicemails do strike me as antiquated. However, that fact in-and-of-itself gives them more significance. In the same way receiving a handwritten note is more unique and special than receiving an email-- voicemails now have certain sweetness and character in a way they may not have had a few years ago. So yes, I do believe they are antiquated but not necessarily less valuable, I believe the inverse to be true actually.

Do you have any particular association with receiving voicemail?: I have saved every single voicemail Kip Clark has ever left me. The way in which Kip has so powerfully, compassionately, authentically, and eloquently adopted this medium of communication has left a lasting impression in my heart. Also, my grandma leaves the CUTEST voicemails ever. If she is in a grocery store and they play a Louis Armstrong song that made her think of me-- she will leave me a 2 minute voicemail about how excited she was to hear this song and how she wishes we could be dancing together right now. I have cherished each and every one of these voicemails.

Are there ever circumstances where you would prefer voicemail?: When I haven't seen a person in a long time-- there is something about hearing the sound of their voice that is truly remarkable.

Have you ever received a meaningful voicemail? And if so, what made it meaningful?: Kip's voicemails are very sacred to me. He has this ability to so effortlessly and honestly make you feel like you are ten feet tall, valuable, respected, supported, and worthy. I truly live for these voicemails.

Also, on a more pessimistic note-- I can imagine that in the future if a loved one passes away, hearing their voice will be more triggering/ painful/ powerful than any photo. For that reason alone I am grateful and fearful for the power of encapsulating someone's voice.