Th anks, Wow, Hel p: The Essential FTC

Chairman Leibowitz’s Farewell Remarks to FTC Staff (February 13, 2013)

When a public official, like me, s tands up to make remarks after he has

announced his pending retirement, you can expect to hear one of three things: He might tell you he is leaving to spend more time with his family – in
which case, if you are a member of the press, you rush out of the room to

figure out if there is a pending indictment, a prostitute, or a presidential

exploratory committee in the wings.

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You don’t have to buy into Ms. Lamott’s theology to admit that is a gre at

title.

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“Wow” because the amount you have all achieved through those acts –

before I arrived on the scene, while I’ve been here, and I am sure continuing

into the future – is beyond awesome, beyond impressive, be yond fantastic . I t is

just . . . wow.

Through litigation and law enforcement, we have stopped last dollar

frauds; held companies to their promises of p rivacy and data security; made

sure that national advertisers don

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Help may seem an odd place to come to in this sort of speech, but