

SETTLEMENT OFFERS

Make me sign local police orders of protection with [Victim 1] and Katie [redacted] to reduce this issue down to local courts. Transfer my fingerprints over to the Minnesota, North Carolina, New York State Troopers and the [redacted] Police.

- Establish an interstate order of protection system to prevent cases like this ever again.
- Homeland Security and all DMVs work together in depth.
 - Federal police cameras on all state border lines on back roads and highways. (A.I.)
 - More tow truck drivers contracted into Homeland Security to tow violators back to their states.
 - U.S. Space Force and Homeland Security work together to track people's movements.
 - S.M.S. texts updating local criminal court victims on if their aggressor is approaching their state.
 - Homeland Security and FAA track violators' flight movements.
 - Local, county, and state police all receive training workshops through Homeland Security for this.
 - Put someone in this type of situation in jail long enough to have their information sent to the state where they need to be known/watched, and/or to be taken back home by Homeland Security if they violate.
 - Only local and county courtrooms would have to deal with this and they need tangible evidence that all parties involved even know each other (all local and county courtrooms in the country then obtain each other's contact info).

{ Reconciliation } (The Berlin Wall eventually fell...)

I would be willing to get a city owned blighted house in Olean through the city government to put into Katie [redacted]'s name and help getting a federal loan/grant to pay an Olean city official with a local handyman business to fix it up for her is possible on my end. Taking my substitute teaching/martial arts teaching/community theatre directing resume and applying it to designing a Buddhist Tumma meditation FSA class for violent offenders and a History of Pedophile Punishment FSA class for sex offenders so [V1] can get that passed into law and take the credit for himself. Getting Brett [redacted] contracted into fixing the water infrastructure for all of Carl Paladino's properties since it is my mother's side who knows Carl.

Take those court documented statements and do whatever you want with them.

 PHILIPPIANS 2:1-8

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[Jesus] made himself nothing by taking
the very nature of a servant. [PHILIPPIANS 2:7]

ALL-STAR HUMILITY

After a game, a college basketball star stayed behind to help workers throw out empty cups and food wrappers. When a fan posted a video of him in action, more than eighty thousand people viewed it. One person commented, “[The young man] is one of the most humble guys you will ever meet in your life.” It would’ve been easier for the basketball player to leave with his teammates and celebrate his role in the team’s victory. Instead, he volunteered for a thankless job.

The ultimate spirit of humility is seen in Jesus, who left His high position in heaven to take the role of a servant on earth (PHILIPPIANS 2:7). Jesus didn’t have to do it, but He willingly humbled Himself. His ministry on earth included teaching, healing, and loving all people—and dying and rising to save them.

Although Christ’s example can inspire us to sweep a floor, pick up a hammer, or dish up food, it may be most powerful when it finds its way into our attitude toward others. True humility is an inner quality that not only changes our actions but also changes what’s important to us. It motivates us to “value others above [ourselves]” (V. 3).

Author and preacher Andrew Murray said, “Humility is the bloom and the beauty of holiness.” May our lives reflect this beauty as, through the power of His Spirit, we reflect the heart of Christ (VV. 2-5).

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**How has Jesus’ humility affected you? In what areas
are you tempted to be prideful?**

*Dear Jesus, thank You for humbling Yourself for me.
Help me to follow Your example of valuing others’ needs
above my own.*

BIBLE IN A YEAR | EXODUS 27-28; MATTHEW 21:1-22

★ JANUARY TOPIC | SALVATION

Salvation's New Hope

THIS WOULD BE
NICE, WOULDN'T IT?

After Joe was arrested and booked into jail, he felt that his life was over. His guilt was so heavy, he wanted to find a way to end it all.

Days earlier, Joe had been driving while intoxicated when he caused an accident that killed a teenage girl. As he sat in jail, he was overcome with the immensity of the tragedy he'd caused.

While awaiting trial, Joe decided to give life another chance. He checked into a facility to get help with his drinking problem. What he discovered there redirected his life—he heard the gospel and he received Jesus as his Savior. The realities of reconciliation and forgiveness offered in a relationship with Christ gave him new hope.

When his trial came, Joe was found guilty of causing the teen's death and sentenced to twelve years in prison. During his incarceration, he did what he could to serve his fellow prisoners and shared the good news of Jesus' love and forgiveness with them. When he was finally set free, he asked to meet with his victim's family. He was astounded when her father, mother, and brother—all sensing that he was a changed man—forgave him for taking the life of their loved one.

Consider the depth of change that happens when we seek Jesus' forgiveness: "The old has gone, the new is here!" Paul proclaimed in 2 Corinthians 5:17. In that new life, we enjoy the power of being reconciled with God (v. 18), which can transform the mess of our life into a promise of hope (v. 19). We can then spread the message of reconciliation to others (v. 20).

Old fears and heavy burdens give way to new hope when we accept the forgiveness and reconciliation Jesus freely offers!

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*What does it mean to be saved in Jesus? This month, we explored the wondrous nature of our salvation—redemption, justification, reconciliation. The topic was addressed in the **above** feature article and the devotions for **January 1, 8, 22, and 31**.*

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