

iMessage

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Dear Dr. V:

I am writing to formalize my request for a meeting between us to resolve personal differences. I just hung up from a very profitable phone call between myself and Dave Stone, and have his permission to say that it was mutual, significant, grace filled, and a full resolution that went two ways.

I want to be biblical and want to believe you do as well. There is no biblical basis for refusing a meeting with a brother in Christ which I am.

Regardless of your view of 1Tim 5, 2 Cor 5 etc. there is no real basis for treating me as a non believer or hiding behind ecclesiastical matters which may need to follow. No biblical basis for requiring a list in advance or I would gladly provide one. Instead I believe that hearts are softened when we meet face to face and that is why our Lord prescribes it. So much so, that you are not even to wait for my initiation, but if you realize your brother has an offense against you, leave your gift at the altar.

God does not desire our worship when our heart is closed to a brother with an offense against us.

It is already far to long, since men at Harvest have seen their own offense and allowed the meeting sought. I offer you in grace what you have withheld from me, a face to face

converstation with a brother who believes you wronged him, for the purpose of hearing, owning, and extending full grace and forgiveness. Private resolution is always God's heart. The matters are entirely between me and you, your mishandling of scripture, your acting out of offense, your vindictive behavior in view of how very little you actually knew about what was happening and what was true.

My heart is toward you, I am ready now to forgive ... please agree to meet with me and Michael R.

James MacDonald

Michael Vanlaningham

I might be willing to meet with you, but my request stands. Please let me know precisely the ways in which you believe I have sinned against you. I do not believe that I have, but depending on what you specify, if I believe you are right, then I am willing to meet with you and Michael. But your text message was far from conciliatory. I am not hiding from you. I am not acting out of offensive vindictiveness. I have not twisted scripture.

MV

I have not acted out of ignorance. Given the tone and content of your text, I do not believe your heart is actually toward me for reconciliation. I am ready to meet with you and Michael if you will provide for me a specific list

MV

and I agree with you that I have sinned against you in any or all of the areas you identify.

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You are in no position to judge me - i am sure i will be in a better place once we have met and my hope is that you will be too - i would rather not text anything because i believe words in text are misunderstood - i do seek resolution / the matters i listed are the ones i seek to resolve - further detail by text will only increase the misunderstanding you reference - i believe the Lord would have us meet - commands us to meet - allows for none of this which is already deteriorating - lets meet in person in earnest soon and trust the Lord for his direct - if i vary from the 3 issues i am fine for Michael to end the meeting - you have my list - lets please meet.

*direct intervention and presence