

John Kozlowski

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Sent: Friday, May 20, 2016 1:05 PM
To: Dorothy-Jane Kozlowski
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Dear John,

Honestly, I was surprised to receive a card and gift from you.

I am a person. And I was content to not receive a card on my birthday.

I am the mother of your children. And I was content to not receive a mother's day card from you.

I am not your wife. And I was surprised to receive an anniversary card from my former husband. John, you abandoned me, and I walked away. I talked with you about my thoughts and concerns for YEARS--including after our separation--and I was constantly condemned and told that I was wrong. You have then said that I haven't talked to you, but John, that is because you have refused to hear. I believe that with all my heart.

IF you would like to show your love for me AS A PERSON or even as THE MOTHER OF YOUR CHILDREN, I would be delighted to open the box that you sent with me in mind. I am willing to fill either of those roles and/or the role of a PERSON who is important to you. Will you let me fill one of those roles? Because I am not your wife, and when you continue to call me your wife--and continue to count the years of our marriage after I've told you that we need to START OVER--I do not feel heard and I do not feel loved. I feel like you are continuing to say, "It is my way or the highway." And you already know that if those are the only two options, that I have to take the highway. And that truly makes me sad. :(

Reconciliation, to me, at this point is you building trust with me so that you and I can talk with each other without a firewall. God can do that. But at this point I don't see an attitude in you that AT ALL allows me ANY feeling of safety in being involved--even in conversation--with you directly.

I'm sad, but I'm convinced.

I'll go one step farther.

I had HOPED to begin to work toward having a relationship directly with you again. As I considered it, I became STRONGLY convinced that we are not at a place where that is reasonable. Several verses were included in my thinking as the final thoughts came together toward my knowing that it is not time to even begin to talk with you about becoming involved with you again.

One is the verse that the Lord used to confirm my decision to outright divorce you, instead of continuing in a situation of separation:

“My son, if you... are snared in the words of your mouth, caught in the words of your mouth, then do this my son, and save yourself, for you have come into the hand of your neighbor; go, hasten, and plead urgently with your neighbor. Give your eyes no sleep and your eyelids no slumber, save yourself like a gazelle from the hand of the hunter, like a bird from the hand of the fowler.” (Prov 6:1-5) That is how I feel that I was in my relationship with you. I was “caught in the words of [my] mouth”, “snared in the words of [my] mouth.” :(Another was from Galatians 5:1, “For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.” Yes. I believe that we, the children and I, were enslaved to your convictions and lifestyle choices and that they were different from God’s Word and that they did not look to provide a safe and loving environment for us to raise our children. I won’t continue to go on with my concerns about our previous life with you, but it was abusive and I responded to the choice that you made.

Additionally, it is said that if a man was to take one of his slave women as a wife and he were then to come to a point where he did not provide her with sufficient food, protection and marital love, that she was to be SET FREE. And that was not just free of the marriage, but she was to be made a free woman. - I was a slave of yours. I did not receive minimal provision--not I or my children. (And even though we obviously had sex, I don’t even believe that I received marital love.) And I believe that I have been set free.

“For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.” I am free, and I choose to remain free. The attitudes of the man I had previously married--by God’s mercy and grace--will not yoke and enslave me again.

The only way that it would be right for me to begin to consider being, even in a conversational relationship with you, would be if you were choosing to consider mine and the children’s needs, my/our requests, my/our thoughts as a part of how you conduct yourself. - I do not see that at all at this point. - That is what I was saying about my being willing to be a person--even a person who is important to you--and to be recognized by you as the mother of your children. I am willing to fill those roles.

There is a catchy song that the children have heard, but I will not now let them intentionally listen to it--even though the music has a fun feel and it is sung very well. It would not be beneficial for you to view the trailer, which I saw once, because it has girls dancing in such a manner that it is not helpful to watch. But if you would like to have my perspective on what our marriage was like, you can listen to it. It is called, Cheerleader. I believe that that is what I was. I do not feel that I was routinely a wife--although we had some moments together that were out-of-the-norm where I felt loved and heard. I believe that you loved me because I was “always in [your] corner, right there when I want her...” It has a fun feel to it, and the girl, I’m sure feels affirmed that she is needed. But what about her needs? She is part of him, but there is no “we” there--just an attachment to him. That is how it was for me/us. - As that is a popular song, I hear it when I’m out in public, and I have wondered about sharing it with you, so as I’m sharing with you today, I include that thought.

So, you’ve asked for my thoughts--and I usually feel that I have nothing new to say. But perhaps some of what I have shared is new.

May the Lord give you wisdom and insight as you consider--and may you hear from Him as you also hear from me.

Dorothy-Jane