



Readers Letters

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LISTENING IS NOT AGREEMENT

We used to know how to talk with people we disagreed with. Somewhere along the way, listening started to feel suspicious – like a quiet form of surrender. But listening isn't agreement. It's not weakness. It's not giving in.

Real listening says: I trust myself enough to hear you out. It's an act of presence, not permission. It doesn't change who we are – but it might change what we understand.

These days, conversation can feel like walking a tightrope. I don't talk politics with my family anymore – not because I've given up, but because the moment feels lost before it begins. Their voices echo the news, and I never quite feel heard – just waited out.

I've seen how quickly conviction turns to volume. A raised voice, framed as "passion," can become a wall instead of a bridge. When someone speaks more to overpower than to understand, it doesn't deepen the dialogue – it ends it.

Part of the problem is fear. We fear being misunderstood, challenged, or changed. Online spaces reward outrage, not openness. And in polarized times, even listening can feel like betrayal.

But research tells us something powerful: when people feel attacked, they cling tighter to their beliefs. When they feel heard, they soften. Being heard is so close to being loved that for the average person, they are almost indistinguishable.

So what if we tried something different?

What if we paused before reacting? Asked one sincere question before offering our opinion? Practice staying curious, even when it's hard?

Real conversations are slow, imperfect, and deeply human. People don't change because they're corrected. They change because they're heard.

We may not always agree – but maybe we can remember how to stay in the room together.

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A THANKS TO OUR POLICE OFFICERS WHO RISK THEIR LIVES FOR US

All of us of Mary's Little Remnant would like to thank all the police officers for the heroic work they do for us citizens every day. Thank you for keeping law and order and for keeping us safe.

They risk their lives for us, such as the recent attack in T-or-C on 5/6/2025 at the Chevron Station, in which a thug shot a police officer. Thank God the police officer survived, and thank God they killed the criminal.

Yes, anyone who tries to kill a police officer should be killed. That is not only justice, but mercy for deterring others from even thinking of killing a police officer. It also preserves law and order because respect and fear of police officers is what preserves law and order.

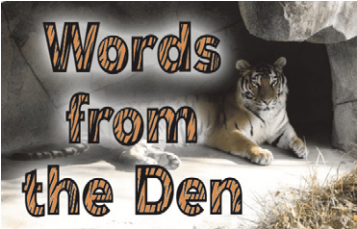
But a no thanks to the judicial system when it coddles criminals and ignores or even vilifies victims. It encourages lawlessness and disorder and endangers the lives of police officers and law abiding citizens. One cannot count the number of crimes that would have been prevented if the judicial system did its job the right way. It has blood on its hands.

See my videos on my 'Black Criminals, Racists, and Radicals' menu on my www.JohnTheBap-

tist.us website. The menu can be accessed in the Conspiracies menu. In those videos, I defend police officers against the criminals and the corrupt major media and judicial system.

For your only hope of salvation, please visit the www.JohnTheBaptist.us website.

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THANK YOU TIGER TOWN

As many of you know I recently had a very frightening dance with death and spent three weeks in critical care at Memorial Medical Center in Las Cruces. You may have noticed my absence from these pages. There were several people who stepped up to fill the space and to provide coverage of our Tigers while I was gone. They are my heroes.

From being frighteningly close to death on March 31 when I went into hospital until now, it's been a struggle and still has big challenges. But I am slowly getting back to what I do. I will be writing and photographing slowly at first but building back. My goal is to be up to speed in time to cover Graduation as I have nine other times now. There will be some longer-term challenges to be met, and I will still need help with some things.

Here however, I mostly wanted to give my deepest heartfelt thanks to all those in Tiger Town, all of you who have almost overwhelmed me with your support, assistance, prayers and so many messages of compassion. It has been truly humbling. It brightens my heart to be a part of such an incredible community. From friend and boss Frances, who insisted I go to the emergency room, and in doing so saved my life, there are many to thank. Just a few will be named here. Yarrow and Samantha both stayed in regular contact while I was hospitalized and since have provided me with groceries and some amazing homemade meals. Coach Chavez lent me the walker that I am now only occasionally needing to use.



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survey. And the same survey showed that a third of households couldn't cover one month's worth of bills if they lost a job or other source of income.

What's behind this savings gap? Several factors are involved, including the high cost of housing. But while you can't control these external forces, you may be able to increase your savings by taking these steps:

Create a budget — and stick with it. Following a budget is not everyone's idea of fun, but it can be of great use in managing your spending, which, in turn, can help you save more. You can find many free budgeting apps that allow you to track your spending and place it into categories. Once you know where your money is going, you may find it easier to cut back in certain areas, such as possibly eliminating streaming services you don't use much.

Pay yourself first. Like everyone, you have a lot of bills to pay each month. But why not pay yourself first? Even if you can't put away a lot of money, any amount will help. And you can make it easier on yourself by having some funds moved automatically each month from your checking or savings account into a liquid, low-risk account — one you don't use for your everyday expenses. Over

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How Can You Boost Your Savings?

time, as your income goes up, you can increase the amounts in these automatic transfers.

Take advantage of "cash-back" offers. You may already use a credit card that provides you with cash back on purchases. But did you know you can also download cash-back apps? Like cash-back credit cards, these apps give you a percentage of your spending back, helping you save money on many of your regular purchases, such as groceries and gas. You can even find apps that offer promotions that let you earn more at specific times or for buying certain items.

Cut down — or consolidate — your debts. It's easier said than done, but the more you can reduce your debts, the more money you'll be able to save. You can choose to tackle the debt with the highest interest rate or get rid of the smallest debts first, but whichever method you choose, try to be as diligent as you can. You also might be able to consolidate your debts — but be careful, because not all debt consolidation offers will work in your favor.

Get some help. Your employer may provide an employee assistance program that offers, among other benefits, credit counseling and other types of financial guidance. You may want to contact a financial professional who can take a holistic look at your situation and offer recommendations on saving, investing and goal setting.

It's always important to save money — but it's not always easy. However, by exploring every avenue available to you, you may be able to improve your saving skills to the point where they can make a real difference in your life.

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Dear Boss



Some of you have expressed in recent weeks that my column has gotten boring, with nothing but good news. A few have asked why I haven't "gotten onto anyone lately."

I will tell you that I would always rather talk about good news and be positive than have to shed light on someone not doing as they are supposed to. Holding people accountable isn't fun! It is part of the job, and while I'd love it if good news sold as much as bad news, it doesn't.

So this week, quick quote, "the good news is that the bad news can be turned into good news when you change your attitude." Robert H. Schuller

I encourage you to find the good in everything this coming week. Look at the positive, smile in the face of diversity, show others kindness and love. FL



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