Then just two days later I came home from work to discover he was hanging out at our house with Brittany, for an extended period. (He can't come inside to pick up the laundry, or even ring the doorbell, yet two days later he can spend hours inside our home?)

The following day his laundry was again being done at our house - all without any acknowledgment of the letter. Nothing. Crickets. This to me was yet another stonewall, and quite honestly, seemed very disrespectful.

Several hours later my wife came home and I was admittedly fuming about this and even a bit emotionally charged. After all, he had a history of being rude to my family and myself. I spoke loudly about how upset I was. Brittany was in her bedroom and overheard what I said. This upset her so she went to stay at a friend's place for a few days.

Brittany later cancelled a lunch date we had set for that week. This is the first time in her life she has ever cancelled anything with me because of how she felt. We've always had an amazing, open, honest and loving father-daughter relationship. Since the engagement I've seen that erode away, and I am honestly extremely hurt by this.

I texted Steven to let him know that he was not welcome in our home and could not do laundry there until mediation. [I later discovered that Brittany had requested his laundry be put outside due to her concern there might be a conflict between he and I, and not because of Covid. But it is still concerning that he never made any comment about the letter nor showed any appreciation.]

To make things a bit worse on my end is the fact that cancer runs strong in my family; my grandmother, mom and 2 older brothers all died from it. I am now the eldest living male - my brothers died at an age younger than I currently am. Recently I've been experiencing some very familiar and concerning symptoms and my bloodwork is not normal. I have several upcoming tests to verify what I already believe to be true. To avoid undue stress on my family I've not shared this information, until now.

Comment: When Steven learned of this in an email, he never reached out to

offer prayer or show any type of concern. Considering that he is a youth pastor, is this really Christian behavior?

Seeing what my daughter is going through is horrible and adds to my desire to fix things so she can be happy. We had mediation scheduled but Steven cancelled it. He says it's because he doesn't want to talk about previous events, and only wants to focus on how my wife and I should be talking to him and Brittany. [Seems a bit controlling!]

To date Steven has not suggested even one single thing to help get our relationship back on-track. Thus far I've come up with 100% of the idea's and have offered 100% of the apologies, and have made 100% of the efforts, even though he cannot name one thing that I've done to offend him. Not one. I've been offering blanket apologies just to have a relationship with my daughter.

Apparently he doesn't want that? Why??

The day after I was upset about him not responding to the letter, Brittany told her mom that she and Steven were in the process of renting an apartment and would be moving out soon. The plan is for her to live in that apt. with another roommate until after the wedding. This, to me, just seems like another wedge is being unfairly driven between my daughter and myself.

Why did Steven not try to make peace during this time? To me it seems as though he used this as an opportunity to further move Brittany away from our family (both physically and emotionally).

Attempt 6: I sent everything listed above in an email to Steven, Brittany and my wife as an attachment, with this in the body of the email on February 20th:

Hello Steven,

Attached is a letter I wrote explaining my perception of how things have been going, my recollection of the events, and where it potentially went off-track. My intention is to reconcile broken relationships. You will notice the letter is addressed to the elders @ Calvary Church. The reason for this is because if we

cannot work things out between us, then I will approach church leaders and ask them to intervene.

I have no set preference as to whether we involve a mediator or not. This conversation will be about setting the record straight and moving forward. Any talks about how to communicate, etc. can come after.

I will wait ten (10) days for a meeting. After that time (March 2nd) this letter will be sent to the leadership of Calvary Church.

Sincerely,

Tim Hutchinson CC: Brittany & Jennifer

To date I have made 6 attempts at reconciliation – the number of attempts I've seen Steven make is exactly zero. My question is how is this acceptable among Christians? Especially with him being a youth pastor. Are they not held to a higher standard as the bible mandates? Aren't we all supposed to follow Matthew 18:22? Jesus says we should forgive each other "seventy times seven times" a number that symbolizes boundlessness. That clearly is not happening. I will also add that during the past few months Brittany has become depressed, has several counseling sessions scheduled and has lost 20 lbs. unintentionally. This should be obvious to Steven. Turning this around could have been accomplished by accepting one of my numerous attempts to move our relationship in a better direction, or offered an alternative. Why he did not do any of these. Where is the compassion we should have for one another?

Attempt 7: I emailed the above letter to Brittany, Steven and my wife on February 20th. Later that day, feeling so overwhelmed at the diminished relationship with my daughter, I then sent the following email, striving for peace, and once again apologizing for things I haven't done;

This email is an open apology to my daughter, Brittany. I have failed you. Not just a little, but a lot. During the past weeks I have been so focused on being right, about winning a disagreement, that I lost sight of something far more

important; our relationship and your happiness. I have always put you first in my life, and now just months before your wedding I have fallen far short of what I should have been doing. You have every reason to be mad at me, hurt, disappointed and feeling less than loved by me. For that I apologize - profusely. I love you more than life itself and literally live in daily agony over the state of our current relationship. In response I'll say this:

I resign.

Completely and fully resign.

Not from being your dad of course, but rather from the disagreement that caused this. The [previous] letter I emailed states my position and stands as the truth as I know it. But that's as far as it goes. I'm done with any disagreement with Steven. My time and energy is now going to be focused on you, Brittany. To work hard restoring our precious relationship and ensuring this never happens again. Ever. And, to help celebrate the upcoming wedding and make these months before the wedding as enjoyable as possible.

With that in mind, I am inviting Steven to neutral ground. A place where we speak and act kindly and respectfully to each other. A place where you are fully welcomed at our house to visit, hang out, do laundry, grab a snack from the kitchen, mi casa es tu casa.

I don't want battles anymore - I just want to love my family and others with all my heart. To fully enjoy what time I have left on this planet. The past few weeks/months somehow turned ugly and I don't want that - never did. I ended up feeling ugly inside and that's not who I am. At all. I repent for my misdeeds and missteps.

Peace,

Tim/Dad

Comment: Even though I felt as though I had done nothing wrong and was apologizing for things Steven did and the stress he caused, I just want a happy relationship with my daughter again.

My wife replied:

Tim,

I want you to know those words really touched my heart. They were absolutely beautiful and honest. I appreciate you putting Britt first and your highest priority. Im proud of you and very hopeful we can begin celebrating this engagement and wedding! This makes me very happy. I love you all so much.

With Love,

Jen

Our daughter replied;

Dad,

Steven and I read your emails. We have found ourselves in the same position that we have felt trapped into for the past few weeks, unsure how to respond. We have set clear boundaries, laid out in our Rules of Engagement, and those have been violated repeatedly. The way Steven and I have been treated by you has been inappropriate and out of line. The last email we received was an apology directed towards me, and while I appreciate that I feel as if it dismissed core issues. This puts us into a difficult position of being perceived as the ones continuing conflict if we don't accept a "blank slate."

As Steven and I prepare to start our new life together, we are concerned that these patterns of behavior will continue. We believe that there are significant changes that need to occur in order to move forward in a healthy manner. We desire growing towards healthier relationships with you. Conversations with you have not lead to that thus far, so we believe a mediated conversation is the appropriate next step.

We are confirming with our mediator, but does Saturday at 10 am work for you and mom? It's important that all 4 of us will be there.

Thanks, Britt Comment: I violated the rules of engagement?? Um, no...I asked a simple question of Steven, which he never answered.

<u>Concerned about "patterns" – what patterns? I've been apologizing for things I</u> never did!!!

<u>"Significant changes"?</u> Should I then become an uncaring, unloving father? That's ridiculous and clearly not my daughters voice. That has 'Steven' written all over.

"Conversations with you have not lead to that thus far..." What conversations??? I am literally the ONLY person trying to move things forward in a healthy way. This is a problem between Steven and I, and he has not done ANYTHING to help. Period.

Before meeting Steven, my daughter would never have written an email reply such as this. Never. Clearly he is manipulating her.

My reply:

Yes, mom and I can be available at that time.

I am willing to attend based upon three conditions;

- 1) This is about moving forward, not digging up the past. There were clearly missteps on the part of several of us, not just myself. Going over those details will serve no useful purpose other than igniting hurt feelings.
- 2) The meeting will be focused on ways to communicate in both directions; engaged couple to the parents, and vice-versa.
- 3) No expectations will be made that violate our First Amendment rights. While I agree there are acceptable ways to communicate, anything that prevents one of us from speaking at all to another person is something I won't consider. This is America brave heroic people fought for our rights, and that should be respected.

Steven replied;

Hi all.

I agree with everything Britt said. As for your response, Mr. Hutchinson, I don't believe we can comply with them all of them the way you have requested.

- 1. There are things that have been done and said over the last two weeks that cannot be ignored, and it is not enough to ask for a "blank slate" and move forward. Some of this will be discussed in our conversation.
- 2. We agree that communication moving forward should be an element of this conversation.
- 3. We don't believe it's helpful for us to set expectations for the communication plan moving forward before our conversation.

I have to admit, these last few weeks have been incredibly challenging and emotionally draining for Britt and I as we have interacted with you and we desire to move forward in a healthier direction and would appreciate your willingness to enter into that being willing to lay anything down in order to make that happen. You have emphasized how important your relationship with Britt is, and if that is really true, we believe that you will listen to what Britt and I have to say about how we can all move forward in a healthy way, even if that means that interaction with one or both of us moves forward differently than your personal preference.

Comment: "Things have been done and said that cannot be ignored". Such as?? To date neither of them can name even one single thing. Not one!

"...these past few weeks have been incredible challenging and emotionally draining for Brittany and I as we have interacted with you..." Here again, name one thing, just ONE that I've done, other than ask a question, raise my voice (to Brittany once, and to my wife once), apologize for things I never did, and strive for peace. Name one. They literally cannot.

Notice how Steven interjected himself into the equation with his comment?

Other than a few emails and a letter trying to make peace, I've had ZERO interaction with Steven in the previous few weeks. None. But he's trying to pretend to be a victim here.

"We desire to move forward in a healthier direction..." How are we going to move forward if Steven puts zero effort into anything and my daughter will not even speak to me??

"....being willing to lay down everything in order to make that happen." Umm... I have done EXACTLY that, and Steven has done NOTHING.

It seems to me that Steven is manipulating our daughter. Clearly, I am the one trying to make peace and Steven is avoiding that. The question is why?

My reply;

Steven,

Mrs. Hutchinson and I have also been directly/indirectly impacted in a negative way by some of your words & actions. We will also be presenting a list of expectations on how we will be communicated with. We look forward to the meeting. See you then.

Mr. Hutchinson

Conclusion

The second attempt @ mediation was scheduled for Saturday, 2/27/2021 @ 10 AM. The previous weeks mediation was cancelled by Steven (through Brittany) because he did not want to discuss previous events. As you can see in the above emails, this time I agreed to no previous events be discussed, but now suddenly Steven wants them. That's a 180-degree turn-around.

Days later they cancelled mediation, again, without reason. What is being hidden? Why can we not come together as Christians and discuss things in an open and honest way? Something is very, very wrong here. Steven has somehow convinced my daughter that I have done things that are wrong, without any evidence or proof whatsoever. In fact, it has been Steven who is the one causing problems. Again, how is this Christian behavior? And from a pastor??

In my last phone call with her she said that she shows Steven all the text messages and emails from me and tells him everything we talk about on the phone, because that's how Steven says the 2 shall become 1.

She also said that she hoped in the future we could go to counseling and figure out how to have a relationship again.

She then whispered, "Dad, I love, love, love, love, love you a lot!"

Since then, my daughter has completely broken off communication with me. No calls, no texts, no visits, nothing. Other than a brief text reply where I invited her to her mom's birthday party she will not respond to any attempts at contacting her. (She would not come to the party – this is the first time she's ever missed something like this.) I am concerned about both her mental and physical health. She and I have always had an amazing father-daughter relationship – almost like 2 peas in pod – and now, only weeks after becoming engaged she will not even speak to me, says we need counseling, and I am being repeatedly accused of doing things which they will not specify, speak about, or go to mediation to resolve. Seems this gives Steven plenty of opportunities to make more false accusations about me without my ever having a chance to defend myself. More and deeper wedges being driven between my daughter and I. This, to me, literally sounds like the actions of a narcissist. In what other way can anyone explain how in my daughters eyes I go from being a father she loves and adores, to being treated almost like a monster in only 30days??

I sent Steven one final email which stated: "No conflict is over until a solution or a side concedes. This is the calm before the storm. I will always fight for my love. I am relentless."

This was to serve as a reminder that even though he would not discuss the things mentioned above and is now refusing to have any conversation with my wife and I to bring a resolution, there is still a conflict between us. The upcoming "storm" is when I release the truth (this document) about his actions. It is also a reminder that I will never give up on our daughter.

Steven twisted the truth (again) and told Brittany that I was threatening him. The wedge grew deeper due to this lie.

This is where things stand right now. Though this is only one-side of the equation, it shows enough for you to understand why I am concerned.

Kindest regards,

Tim Hutchinson

Follow-up Note

I redacted the names of people and church, then sent this file over to several mental health professionals, via a trusted 3rd party (to further protect all of our identities.) Their responses were similar: This is clearly a troubling situation and Steven has acted inappropriately. Every one of their responses has encouraged me to continue making this truth known and to never give up on my daughter.

EXHIBIT B

From:

Tim Hutchinson

To: Subject: <u>david@lutzlawfirm.com</u> Re: Calvary Church

Date:

Friday, May 5, 2023 11:18:35 AM

The banners have been ordered. My family and friends are ready. The protest will happen. There is only one way to stop this, and that is for them to do the proper investigation they should've done already.

Mr. Timothy Hutchinson

On Mon, May 1, 2023 at 2:10 PM < david@lutzlawfirm.com > wrote:

Mr. Hutchinson,

I am in receipt of your request below and I have spoken with my client about the same and they respectfully decline your request. Please note that the trespass notice previously provided to you attached hereto remains in effect.

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From: Tim Hutchinson < mrhutchinson@gmail.com >

Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 3:30 PM

To: david@lutzlawfirm.com Subject: Re: Calvary Church

Hello Mr. Lutz,

I am contacting you about an unresolved matter involving Calvary Church, and someone who works there; Steven Anderson. Steven is married to my daughter and has told many terrible lies about me. As a result, I've not had a relationship with my daughter for several years. In fact, there is a harassment restraining order against me (which I allowed) that is set to expire in approximately 30 days. Previously I contacted Calvary Church for help in resolving this. Their response was to have an attorney (you) contact me and ask that I stay off their property and have no contact with them. I have honored this request.

It is my belief that a lot of the problems Steven caused could have been avoided if Calvary Church had done a proper investigation. I am writing you to ask they perform an investigation - which is long overdue! This investigation would include interviewing myself in a public hearing so my family could attend. I want Calvary to hear the truth directly from me. There are witnesses and documents that would be beneficial for them to hear from and see. No one other than Steven and Brittany (whom he lied to) believe any of the allegations against me. In short, Calvary has a monster working for them, and I can 100% prove it.

If Calvary Church is willing to move forward with this, there will be no further action against them. I will walk away and my business with them will be done. If they refuse, they should fully expect protests at both of their locations once the HRO has expired. Let me be very clear; I don't want to do anything against a church, I am a good Christian man. However, their failure to properly investigate this matter I brought to their attention has led to a lot of harm and difficulties in my family. This is their opportunity to correct a wrong.

Regards,

Timothy Hutchinson 651.724.1325

On Mon, Apr 24, 2023 at 5:11 PM < <u>david@lutzlawfirm.com</u>> wrote:

Tim,

I am counsel to Calvary Church.

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From: Tim Hutchinson < mrhutchinson@gmail.com >

Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 9:33 AM

To: david@lutzlawfirm.com Subject: Re: Calvary Church

Hello Mr. Lutz.

Checking to see if you still represent Calvary Church?
Regards,
Tim Hutchinson
On Wed, Jun 9, 2021 at 12:19 PM Tim Hutchinson < mrhutchinson@gmail.com > wrote:
P.S. In the attachment there are the names Jake and James. It would be helpful to know that Jake is engaged to my oldest daughter, and James is dating my youngest daughter. The church might also be interested in knowing that 2 of Brittany's 3 siblings won't attend the wedding, and no one from my side of the family will be there either. The reasons are the same; they are shocked at the lies Steven told about me.
Regards,
Tim Hutchinson
On Wed, Jun 9, 2021 at 12:03 PM Tim Hutchinson < mrhutchinson@gmail.com > wrote:
David,
All along I've stated my desire to avoid any legal proceedings. Sad day when Christians cannot come together and resolve an issue. Attached is a letter I wrote to my daughter in response to a Restraining Order. Would appreciate you reviewing it and forwarding it to your client, Calvary Church. I'd like them to know these things My goal has always been to have the truth told.
Regards,

Tim Hutchinson

On Tue, Jun 8, 2021 at 12:29 PM < david@lutzlawfirm.com > wrote:

Tim,

I have advised my client not to meet and discuss due to the threat of litigation. My client has received and reviewed your written communication.

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From: Tim Hutchinson < mrhutchinson@gmail.com >

Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 10:02 AM

To: david@lutzlawfirm.com

Subject: Re: Calvary Church

Dear Mr. Lutz,

I have received the notice, have honored it and will continue to do so. I recently became aware of the allegations being made against me which are horrible and unfounded. Is there a possibility of presenting my side of this ordeal? If your client, Calvary Church, would be open to a meeting with me, it can be at a place and time of their choice. The only goal is to clear my name and I come in a spirit of peace and truth. The Bible says we should choose a good name rather than riches, and I would appreciate an opportunity to prove to your client the truth.

Respectfully,

Tim Hutchinson 651-724-1325

On Fri, May 7, 2021 at 8:41 AM < david@lutzlawfirm.com > wrote:

Dear Mr. Hutchinson,

Please see attached correspondence which is also being sent via U.S. Mail.

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EXHIBIT C

Steven,

May 27th is almost here. Then the HRO will expire, and you will quickly realize that your lies are going to be exposed. I have plans, including protests at the church. I feel bad for them being dragged into this mess, however, they failed to do a proper investigation. So, this is on them not me. I have the banners ordered and have family / friends who are going to protest the church every week — both locations. There's not been one person in the past 2 years who has told me they believe any of the bullshit lies you've told. Now we get to expose you.

If you have a suggestion on how to resolve this otherwise, you better speak up now. Once my plan goes into action, there is no stopping or turning back. This is your one and only chance to get ahead of this. Just don't waste my time with stupid self-centered ideas.

In the words of Janis Joplin;

"Freedom is just another word for nothing left to lose."

There is one question you need to ask yourself; what do you think will happen to your life when the truth comes out?

Tick-tock,

Mr. Timothy Hutchinson

EXHIBIT D

Dear Brittany,

Amazing how he has you believing that after 22 years of being an amazing father, that somehow, I have become a monster. Apparently, he has super-powers because only he can see that...and he has convinced you that his fantasy is real. I am so grateful and thankful for my children who know my heart and have stood by my side, unwavering during these difficult times. They will always have a special place in my heart. I have proven to them, over the decades, that I always put my family first. Always. They will not just give up on me when someone tells a lie. They came to me and asked what my side of the story was. I shared my heart and truth as best as possible, which again confirmed that I have put this family first, even when it caused me tremendous pain (and even resulted in my being hospitalized.) They are my family, and I am so proud of them!

All I have been doing has been to try and resolve things through making the truth known. His response has been to escalate his lies and twisting of the truth to cover his previous lies. He has done so by making even the slightest ant hill seem like a ginormous mountain. He has scrutinized every single step I have taken and found fault with it - even if that means twisting the truth, or outright lying.

Quick example: For weeks I had been coming home and placing my handgun on the top railing for a few minutes (since the riots, doing this made your mom feel safe), entering the kitchen and unpacking my lunch bag, then taking the handgun and putting it away in the bedroom. For weeks this was a daily routine (unless someone was walking down the street towards the park when I got home - in that case I waited until later to bring it into the house, when no one was around.)

One day when he was over, he noticed the gun on the railing, and automatically assumed it was there to intimidate him. That is what he stated in the Restraining Order. Again, just a small example of how he has twisted things to fit his agenda. An agenda to strip us out of each other's lives. And you just caved him and let him get away with this. That makes me feel like I really do not matter to you - it seems you just gave up so easily.

Here I am fighting to get you back and you are blindly going along with his evil plan. He has been avoiding the truth being told. He does not want mediation because he knows the truth will come out and his evil deeds with be exposed. That is also the reason why he continues to keep you isolated from me. He