

From: David Davis
Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2015 12:40 PM
To: David Davis; Maria email redacted
Subject: RE: Maria

Dear Maria,

Talking over me isn't going to work for this situation. When I ask if you can hold on a second so I can turn off my stereo and you say "I have read your emails now you are just going to have to listen to me". That doesn't work.

Don't get me wrong, I am happy to listen to you (As happy as one can be in this circumstance) but you have to treat me with a modicum of respect and not bulldoze me on the phone (I know this tactic has worked for you guys in the past but won't now).

If you are going to make a statement saying your problems with your father are you own, that is fine I will handle it but it involves everyone (I am trying to enlist your help in fixing this but I won't bury it). I am not going to pretend things are alright. If you decide to push me out of the family, I know that is the price I will have to pay but my previous emails indicate my position and I am not going to alter it.

If you want to talk, I am here to listen but I want to be heard as well. There will be a discussion on this, the forum is something I am giving you input on as well as an opportunity to fix this. If you can't discuss this on the phone in an open and communicative manner, I suggest we involve Pastor Landon to mediate.

Strong arm tactics are not going to work on this one. Things like "No, you are going to listen" are red flags for controlling behavior and unacceptable. If you had said, "David, I would like you to just listen to what I have to say and then I will listen to your feedback", I would have responded much differently and not said, "Maria, you are not just going to talk over me". If you take a communicative tactic with me that is not dictatorial, I will listen.

Again, mediation from a third party and spiritual counseling would probably be very beneficial to this situation but I am trying to respect your right to privacy and not make this more public than it has to be. If I was only thinking of me, I would be taking a VERY different approach but there are others involved.

I will call you tomorrow at 12 pm (PST) and see if we can have a civil conversation. I am happy to listen but only if you will in turn listen to me. I am respecting you in this situation and I expect the same amount of consideration back. Again, I strongly advise we involve Pastor Landon at this point but this is still your call.

In short, making this is the way it is statements and walking away are an option for you but it will not stop the process of my fixing this.

Sincerely,

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