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Subject: **Wendi...please read this....**

Dear Wendi,

Since neither one of us feels up to talking, let me share with you what we're all feeling as far as your response.

When I wrote to you this morning, we felt that you had reasonable thoughts as to what the judge might do or say or think regarding the charade we had hoped you would participate in. However, the more we think about that, we begin to realize that you and we have no idea what this judge will do or say or think. Who would have thought after paying an attorney \$600 per hour for 10 months, she would take an hour and a half of testimony, not even bother calling Jibbers to the stand, and decide that family support for very young children evidently means nothing, and a job that pays ten times what your unsecured, untenured and "dependent upon

state budget cuts" job pays in Tallahassee will be just fine for your children. Does she care that after expenses you'll save next to nothing at the end of a year? Does she care that very little if anything will be put away for the children for their current and future education? Does she care that extra curricular activities, sports, trips, eating out in restaurants, will always be a financial challenge for you to provide for the boys? Clearly, she did not take into consideration the future earning potential and benefit for your children. She didn't care that there's no back up support system when one of your pre-schoolers is sick. All she cared about was if the father hasn't been pulling out their toenails, you should give up any financial betterment for you and your children and raise them in a place that you agreed to go to because Jibbers only had FSU as a job offer. Of course, as a graduate of FSU Law School and a native of Tallahassee, she sees nothing wrong with living there. Obviously, as a native of South Florida, you know better.

Our point is, it's obvious that you and Kristin haven't figured out the judge so far. You were both shocked at the rapid decision based on nothing that was presented. So, how do you think at this point you can figure out what the judge will say regarding your decision to introduce Christianity into the boys lives? People go to prison and change their religion all the time, People go through difficult times and find Jesus. Jesus was Jewish. He had positive teachings. He gives people hope. And, best of all, you get to go to heaven in the end. Sounds good to me! Obviously it will sound good to Judge Hobbs. She goes to church. There were multiple donations from her church pastors & ministers on her financial contributions website. She's a Southern Black lady. How do you know it won't be music to her ears to hear this?

Some Possible Options on Judge Hobbs decision regarding Jewish Holidays with the boys:

As far as losing the children on the Jewish holidays there are a couple of alternatives to this. First of all, it may happen. But, unlikely. He is entitled to half the holidays and alternating those holidays each year with you. You may be interested in the teachings of Jesus, cause Jibbers has certainly ruined Judaism for you in the extreme way he practices it. However, if the judge questions how much of the Jewish holidays you can have, you explain that your parents and brother are Jewish and they will be coming to Tallahassee to spend those holidays (or the half that you are entitled to), or perhaps even the 60% that you are entitled to with the boys.

Secondly, so what if by some crazy stance the judge says "Ok. Jibbers can have all the Jewish holidays." Then, if our bribe doesn't work, you tell him during the year that you'll take the kids out of Sunday school at church and cancel their upcoming Baptism if he shares those dates with you. If not, keep them there.

Third, since there is a separation of church and state, she'll just go by whatever schedule you are given and tell you to work out any holiday arrangements between yourselves. Who declares which are "legitimate holidays" and which aren't? Shmini Azeret?

Obviously the court isn't out to help you. It's clear since Judge Hobbs last ruling that she could care less about anything you had to say in your behalf. **You need to help yourself.**

You know Wendi, most of the wars that have been fought for the last couple of thousands of years have been over religion. Charlie brought up a good point when he said that

Americans were dropped behind enemy lines during WWII wearing Nazi uniforms to get what they wanted. They had a job to get done and they did what they needed to do to accomplish it. **You have a job to get done and a very short time frame to accomplish it.** If you dressed your kids up in Hitler Youth uniforms and brought them down here I could care less if it was an act of defiance and would show Jibbers that he's **NOT IN CONTROL.** If your children are baptized, it doesn't make them Christian. Ben and Lincoln aren't really pirates because they dress up like Jake, the pirate. It's an act.

You got into this mess with Jibbers by being so compliant and non-confrontational with him. If you just keep paying your attorney her \$600 per hour and don't fight for what you want, you're no better off than if you stayed married to him. Sure, you got rid of being unhappy in a marriage, so you don't have to live under the same roof. But, he'll still be "in control" of everything, including what he wanted, sole control of the boys religious lives. Why let him? Why not stand up to this fucker! Why not fight! We're not talking about a lifetime of this. You have the boys a very limited number of days before the mediation takes place. This is all part of an act.

Please rethink this. We're all willing to help you to accomplish this. And that's all it is. Wendi, an act. An act of defiance that will put a scare into this jackass. It will infuriate him. It won't infuriate a judge that you found Jesus. She can't comment on your religious views.

YOU NEED TO SEE THE BIG PICTURE! You need to look into the future what a life without your only family nearby, teaching in Tallahassee, with Danny always in the picture will give you. It's not a pretty picture.

We want to see you help yourself. Not everything one has to do in life is "comfortable" or "easy." Sometimes it's ridiculously hard. But, Jibbers has tried to aggravate and screw you since day one of this divorce. His vicious e-mails, his defiance with Dr. Pam's directions on asking him not to come to the school every day when he doesn't have the boys, his not allowing you to pick the children up one hour earlier to drive to Atlanta, his bad mouthing you to the faculty at the school you will be working at; everything he does is done with malicious intent. Why can't you do this for the few days that you have the boys prior to the mediation? You know him. You know which buttons to push! He certainly knows how to push your buttons! Take something from him! Right now he's got everything just the way he wants. We need to take something from him in order for him to "negotiate it back." This is your chit!

The extremism that Jibbers is already teaching the boys, is nothing more than brainwashing. Religion is brainwashing. It's control of the masses. It affects who your friends are, what activities you do, how you eat, how you dress, how you pray, everything! There is no doubt you will have two little Orthodox young men on your hands with the only religious influence over them being Jibbers. He's already got them thinking that people who eat shrimp are bad. Hot dogs are disgusting. Lobster is gross. Wait. Ben's not even four years old. Wait till he's 8. You're not teaching them anything different. You don't teach them that on Saturdays they can go to soccer or any regular organized sports activity or even swim lessons. You let them play in the park or in the house. Jibbers has an organized plan that he's been doing pretty much since they were born. Shul, shul, shul. Shul every Saturday morning that he has them, shul for every Sunday that he has them. Shul for every holiday. Shul parties.

Shul, shul, shul. That will be their life. We don't want you to be the "outsider" who doesn't join in what the "rest of the family" is doing.

Wendi, this is all about negotiating! After consulting with two attorneys who are both excellent negotiators, one of whom we will most likely hire for the financial offer, we are getting the same advice. You **must take something from him that he wants**. When you intelligently negotiate in mediation, you "pretend" you want the house, even if you don't. You "pretend" you want the car, even if you don't. You "pretend" you want the ring, even if you don't care. You "pretend" you want the kids in Catholic school, even if you don't. It's just the business of clever negotiation. It's not what you or we are familiar with, but, people in business do it all the time. Both attorneys have said that this is how you get what you want. If you can't take anything from him, then what we do is just the financial offer. It's just not as good. And then look at it this way, what's the downside? Worst case scenario is the judge does give him the Jewish holidays. Then after a short period of time you offer him taking the kids out of Catholic school (Sunday School) if he shares the holidays. Or, have a stipulation that holidays need to be reviewed yearly. You have a smart lawyer. She knows that all kinds of stipulations and temporary arrangements can be made at a divorce.

Wendi, you don't manipulate people. You're a sweet, kind, caring person. Jibbers is a manipulator. **You just need to play a role.** What you're doing is "jockeying for position." In the end, if you do this and it doesn't get the results we're all hoping for, then you can't blame yourself. You can feel good that you did everything you could. I'm not saying that we're not going to continue with hiring an attorney to negotiate and make a financial offer. I don't think you realize the type of

offer we're considering. We're planning on you, Charlie and Dad and I going as high as equal parts in a \$1,000,000 offer. That's \$333K from each of us. Obviously, the more "chits" on our side, the better our chances are that we won't have to go that high. You have to show us that you're doing your part in this too. We're a team. We can't do this without your help. One of the possibilities in lieu of that much money (obviously we start much lower), is offering not just taking them out of church, but negotiating a settlement which could possibly offer both boys private education at the Donna Klein Hebrew Day School in Boca. It may include monthly airline tickets to South Florida for as long as he lives in Tallahassee. He may stop and think that if he can get a job in a city he'd prefer to live in, it would be an easy flight to see his children. He loves living in South Florida. Teaching at his current schedule and with a big chunk of money, he could live down here and for the 26 weeks per year that he teaches, and fly two days a week to Tally. He would have frequent and liberal visitation. You're not looking to remove him from their lives. He needs to understand that. The negotiating lawyer will work with him. With his school teaching schedule, he could see his children here a significant amount of time. His child support would be much less also. The attorney who will be doing the negotiating will also "lay it out on the line for him" what the various payment offers would be worth to him in 15 - 18 years when he may want to retire. The amount is huge. This payoff can put him at that point (without any additional income of his own) in the \$4,000,000 range. Certainly nothing he'd ever save in 10 lifetimes!

If you try this, you really will not be any worse off than if you do nothing. So what's preventing you from just trying?

I don't know how much of the "big picture" you're seeing honey. I don't know if you realize that not only what you can provide for your boys life, but for your own life, all depends on this change. Aside from living in a far better city with family, a personal history there and you'll also have greater opportunity to meet people for your future. I'm sure there are many lovely women who are teachers, divorced with two children. You can be a highly successful, highly compensated attorney who is independent and not "in need" of someone to marry you to help support your two children. You can have someone cleaning your home, a nanny to help with your children, a lifestyle in which you and your boys can travel. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to really turn your life around and make a positive difference in the lives of your children.

Your expenses with the boys now are minimal. Wait until you see how expensive everything is in the future for them. We don't want you, and I wouldn't imagine you'll want to live paycheck to paycheck. Teenagers eat more than the yogurt these boys eat now.

Everyone has a price. Now is the time to start! You said this divorce is not about winning and losing, that It's not a competition. You've already lost relocation according to the legal system. Well, it is about winning and losing. We're trying to get a "WIN!" You deserve it! You deserve so much more than a life without family, teaching in Tallahassee.

Life is tough.

If you don't stand up and take a chance, you don't stand a chance.

Please Wendi, do your part and stand up to him. Make an effort to do this so that our "group" offer will stand a better chance at being accepted. Don't let his "temporary" move to Tallahassee ruin your entire life. We all want the same thing. A better emotional

and financial life for you and for the boys, all the way around.

You know, Grandma was one tough and very smart lady. I think about her all the time. And, I think about what advice this very intelligent woman, a wonderful "reader of people", who loved you more than words could ever express, would say to you. She'd tell you to fight with every bone in your body! Fight for yourself, your boys, and for the best possible life you can have.

You know that's true! Fight for yourself Wendi! We'll be there to help you. Just don't tell us that what you need to do now is "move forward with a sense of peace." That's giving up. I don't believe that's really what you want to do after all we've been through together, and when you're literally a few weeks from this being over.

Written with hope and love,
Mom and Dad