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## Viewpoints

*Observing events in our modern world from the viewpoint of our ascended Savior.*

### Regretting A Rush To Judgment ~ October 2, 2015

*When we selfishly jump to conclusions, Jesus is ready to catch us in his forgiving love.*

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So, I was standing in line at McDonalds to grab a quick bite to eat. The place was busy with many people, including families, trying to do the same thing. I'm a patient guy, so I'm killing time as I stand in line by reading the news off my smartphone.

But when one of the cashiers closed his register, and apologetically asked us to blend into the other lines at the counter, I was no longer interested in the news. I was interested in why he was walking over to the sink, washing his hands and then donning serving gloves. I was interested because I was irritated. And, yes, my irritation began to simmer strongly as I watched him walk away from the serving area. "What gull to diss us!" I thought.

*Can you relate? We have all kinds of patience and understanding, when we're prepared to offer it. But when caught off guard, we rush to conclusions that justify our self-centered desires, and we make snap judgments against those who fail to meet our needs. Yes, we can hide it quite well, but when ambushed by a situation that stresses us, the costume of nicety rips open to reveal something ugly: how we act as if we live at the center of the universe. Does this resonate with you?*

Well, clearly I was now being forced against my will to spend more time in line than I had anticipated. So I needed to give that employee a mean stare, to make sure he knew how discourteous he was being... which meant that I suddenly no longer cared if I lost my place in line. Feeding my growling irritation is now more important than feeding my growling stomach.

So I leave my place in line to follow how the cashier is walking into the side dining room. My folded arms and self-righteous face are telepathing my irritation, as my mind is fumbling to grasp what I'm witnessing...

The teen cashier walks over to a table where an elderly man sits by himself. The cashier sits down next to this man, who's confined to a wheelchair. I see that the elderly man is handicapped, which is why I see the teen begin to cut the elderly man's food, and then to help in feeding him.

I'm slow but when I get it, my anger dissolves as guilt washes over me. How wrong I was in my rush to judgment. How prone I am—proven yet once again—to think that I live at the center of the universe. How wicked of me to fail to love others as I love myself. How shallow of me to assume the worst, instead of taking words and actions in the kindest possible manner.

And there on the spot, with tears in my eyes, I silently repented: “Jesus, forgive me with the blood you already spilled at the cross, when you paid for the sins of the world.” And more prayer welled up: “Thank you, Jesus, for using a teen cashier to model your love to me; bless him for his kindness and bless the man in the wheelchair.” I went back to wait patiently in line, overflowing with kindness, and more hungry to focus on my blessings than to feed my stomach.

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Some of the details of the account narrated above are fictionalized. For one, I was not a personal witness of the described event, the retelling of which has gone viral across social and news media.



I re-created the event in the first person narrative, because I have too many times adopted those sinful thoughts and actions in other similar situations. And because I have the same corrupt flesh passed down from Adam and Eve as you do, I know you have had the same sinful impulses commandeer you. Only Jesus walked on this earth without selfishly thinking that he lives at the center of the universe, although, in reality, he actually does.

But most of all, I want you to know that my Savior is also your Savior. And it's because of Jesus' forgiving love, that you and I not only have a new beginning today in his forgiveness, in his forgiveness we receive the power to live the new life, to which Christ has called us.

I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love... You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness

and holiness... Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 1:1-2,22-24;2:1-2*

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[McDonald's employee praised for act of kindness after photo goes viral](#) @ FoxNews.com

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*Blessings to you and your loved ones, Pastor Mike Nitz*

