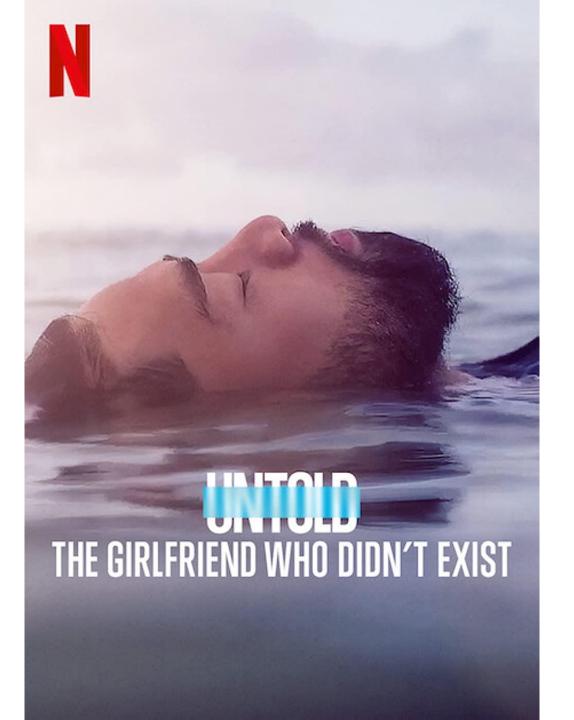
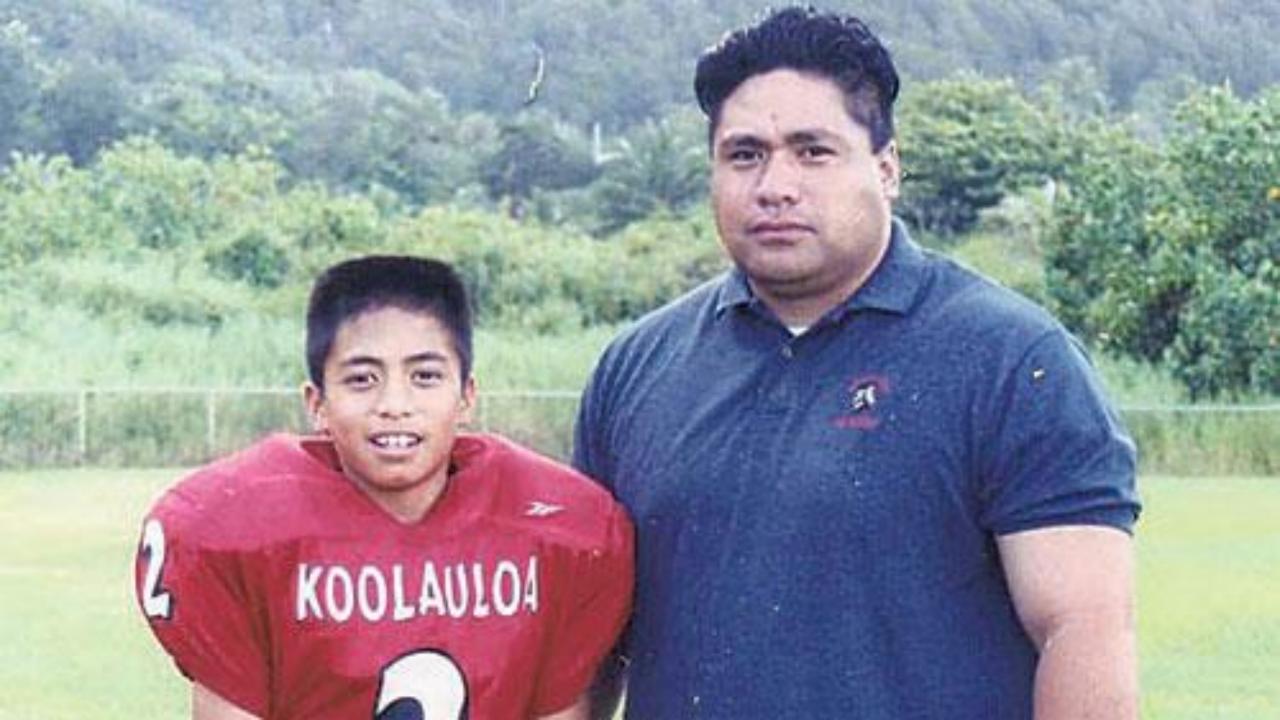
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#### NO SUCH DAME

Manti Te'o's Dead Girlfriend, The Most Heartbreaking And Inspirational Story Of The College Football Season, Is A Hoax

**Timothy Burke and Jack Dickey** 











"Forgiveness has been a process for me. I've learned that to regain a level of peace, I have to let things go. A lot of us are carrying around burdens in the form of anger and revenge which at times can lead us to a dark place. I was feeling this and was desperate to find peace.

I was always taught to forgive, but I knew this would be

difficult....Once I learned to forgive, all the feelings of anger and revenge were lifted, and I found true peace."

(Manti Teo, as quoted in a Facebook post from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on August 28, 2022)



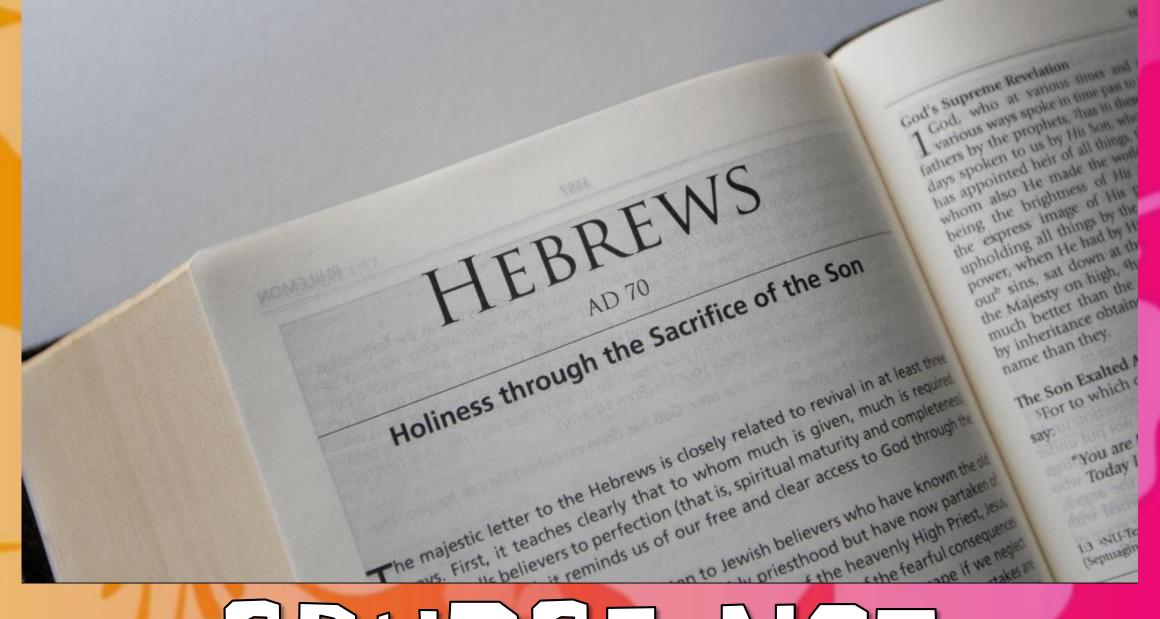
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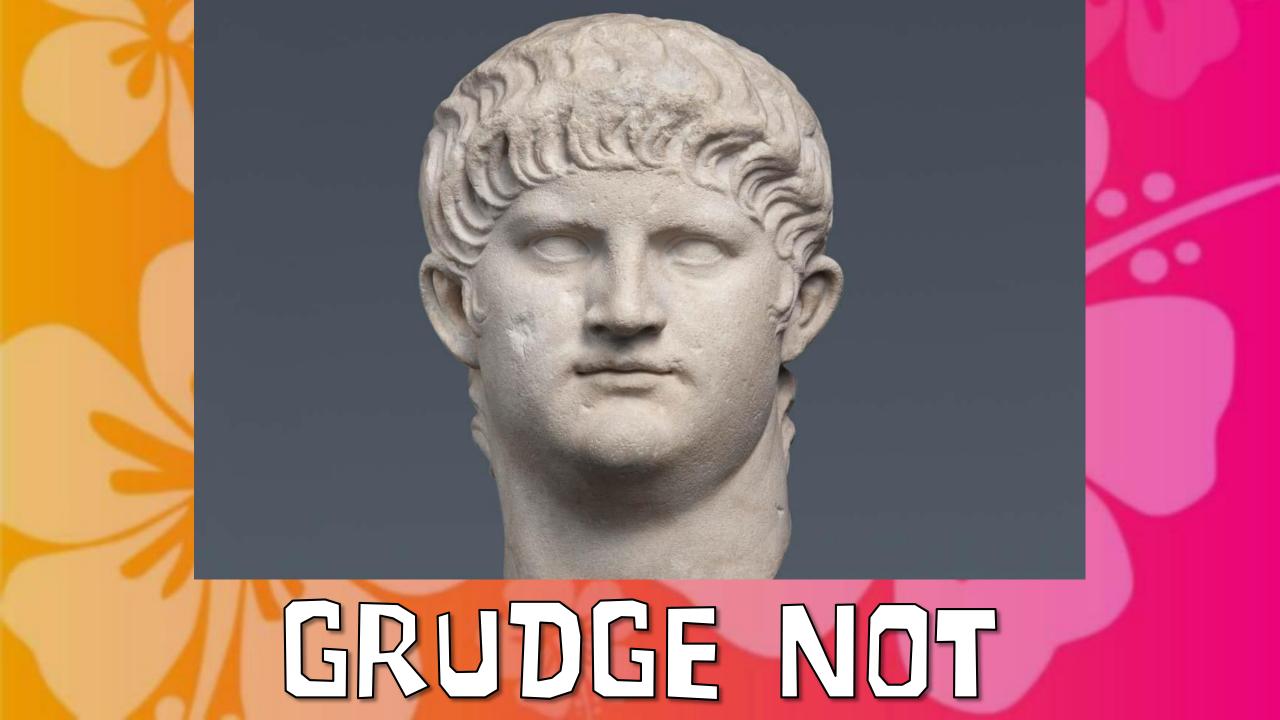
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Hebrews 12:12-17 (ESV): "Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, 13 and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. 14 Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. 15 See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no 'root of bitterness' springs up and causes trouble,..."

"...and by it many become defiled; 16 that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. 17 For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears."







Hebrews 10:32-33 (ESV): "But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, 33 sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated."

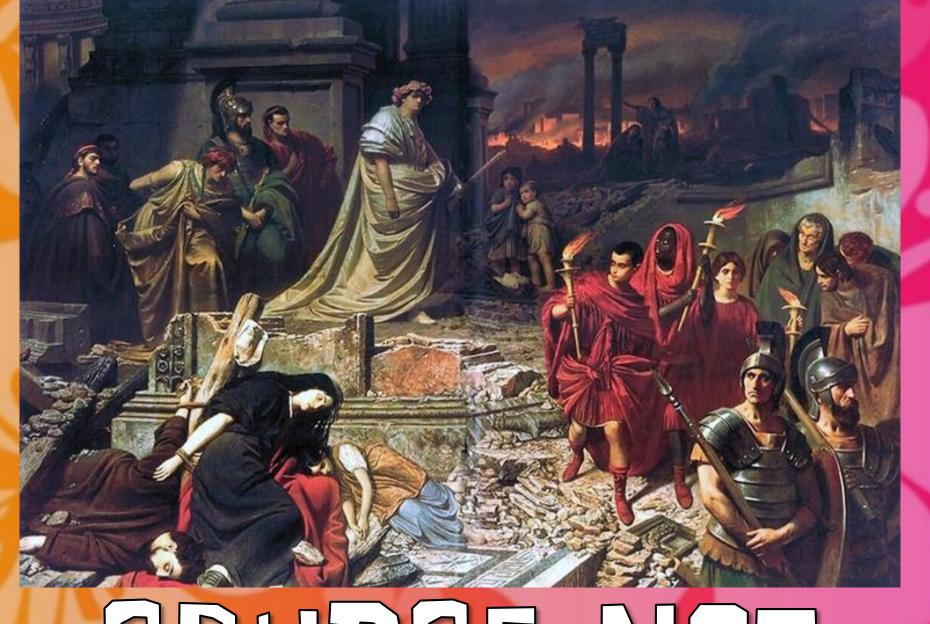
Hebrews 13:3 (ESV): "Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated."

Hebrews 12:4 (ESV): "In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood."

Matthew 24:9-10 (ESV): "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake. 10 And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another."

"Nero fastened the guilt and inflicted the most exquisite tortures on a class hated for their abominations, called Christians by the populace. Christus, from whom the name had its origin, suffered the extreme penalty during the reign of Tiberius at the hands of one of our procurators, Pontius Pilatus, and a most mischievous superstition, thus checked for the moment,..."

"...again broke out not only in Judea, the first source of the evil, but even in Rome, where all things hideous and shameful from every part of the world find their center and become popular. Accordingly, an arrest was first made of all who pleaded guilty; then, upon their information, an immense multitude was convicted." (From Tacitus' Annals, Book 15, Paragraph 44)



"To these men who spent their lives in the practice of holiness, there is to be added a great multitude of the elect, who, having through envy endured many indignities and tortures, furnished us with a most excellent example....Envy has alienated wives from their husbands."

(From Clement's Epistle to the Corinthians, Chapter 6)

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## RESENTMENT NEVER SATISFIES, IT ONLY PACIFIES.

## MAIN POINT

Hebrews 11:24-25 (ESV): "By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, 25 choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. 26 He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward."

Galatians 1:13 (ESV): "For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it."



"I have to take a second to be like, 'They actually love me, man. They love you. They don't want to make fun of you, bro."

(Manti Te'o, in the documentary *Untold: The Girlfriend Who Didn't Exist*, Episode 2)

"I want everybody to know that if Ronaiah ever watches this, that I forgive him. And I hope and pray that him and his family's cool, because that's all I can wish for him."

(Manti Te'o, in the documentary *Untold: The Girlfriend Who Didn't Exist*, Episode 2)

"Treat them nice in a world that just spit on you...I'll take all this crap. I'll take all the jokes. I'll take all the memes so that I can be an inspiration to one who needs me to be."

(Manti Te'o, in the documentary *Untold: The Girlfriend Who Didn't Exist*, Episode 2)

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#### DON'T STRIVE TO THE BITTER END; STRIVE FOR A BETTER END.

## APPLICATION

1 Peter 3:9-11 (ESV): "Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. 10 For 'Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; 11 let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it."

Genesis 33:4-9 (ESV): "But Esau ran to meet him and embraced him and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept. 5 And when Esau lifted up his eyes and saw the women and children, he said, 'Who are these with you?' Jacob said, 'The children whom God has graciously given your servant.' 6 Then the servants drew near, they and their children, and bowed down...."

"...7 Leah likewise and her children drew near and bowed down. And last Joseph and Rachel drew near, and they bowed down. 8 Esau said, 'What do you mean by all this company that I met?' Jacob answered, 'To find favor in the sight of my lord.' 9 But Esau said, 'I have enough, my brother; keep what you have for yourself."

Matthew 5:23-24 (ESV): "If you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift."

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