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▼ A heartfelt letter from a heartbroken violist

The Viola Union received this letter recently. We are posted it for others to read. May God bless whoever sent us this letter.

Dear Viola Union,

I want to write to you about an event which happened to me recently. I am in the church orchestra and I love it very much. It's great to know that I can use my talents in playing instruments for the glory of God and to worship Him. However, while in the orchestra, I want to let you know how I feel by the treatment I've received from others.

The violinists, in particular.

This past Wednesday, January 18th, I was late to practice. It is really hard for me to get there on time because of other commitments to the church. So instead of being absent for the entire time, I come near the end to go over the final run through of the music. I make sure I get there early enough to get all the cuts so I can give my best effort in playing the most accurate I can.

So while we're running through the music, I start playing the introduction to the song. I notice the violinists are not playing so I'm confused. But I followed my convictions and continued to play strong. Then you won't believe what happened! The CONCERTMASTER of the orchestra looked back at me with a dirty look and humiliated me in front of the ENTIRE orchestra and choir. I was ashamed of myself because I made a mistake.....or did I? She told me to stop playing, nodding in disapproval. Because she is my concertmaster, I submitted to authority as the Bible commands.

Several seconds later, much to my confusion, the concertmaster joined in the piece right where I left off! This was an unbelievable action on my part and no apology was issued afterwards even though one was warranted! I was hurt and I wanted to bawl out of the sanctuary crying.

I just want to make note that I never imagined that someone in my orchestra...my church... would treat me with such disrespect. Especially when I have done nothing of that sort and I wasn't in the wrong. I guess they should be thankful that I have a firm foundation in my Faith because that was pretty mean to do to me. God made me in His image just as He did everyone else and I should be treated like the special person I am.