

TED Talk: Why I left the Westboro Baptist Church

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bVV2Zk88beY> (15 mins)

Vocabulary:

- picket line a place where you protest
- unclean spiritually impure
- damnation condemnation to eternal punishment in hell
- to brawl to fight
- rage anger
- scorn contempt
- outrageous scandalous, disgraceful
- foe enemy
- blurred not clear
- flaw defect
- turmoil disorder
- sniping from the verb "to snipe" = "to criticize"
- to fathom to understand
- snark sarcastic
- buffer space
- upbringing the way your parents raise you

According to the speaker, 4 things that make real conversation possible:

- 1) Don't assume bad intent
- 2) Ask questions
- 3) Stay calm
- 4) Make the argument