

Table Talk #574 December 14, 1531 God is Friendly

“God must be much friendlier to me and speak to me in friendlier fashion than my Katy (Luther’s wife) to little Martin (about 1 month old). Neither Katy nor I could intentionally gouge out the eye or tear off the ear of our child. Nor could God. God must have patience with us. He has given evidence of it, and therefore he sent his Son into our flesh in order that we may look to him for the best.

I think Paul himself was hostile to God because he couldn’t believe as he wished he could. When I reflect on the magnitude of God’s mercy and majesty, I am myself horrified at how far God has humbled himself.”

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martin Luther". The script is cursive and somewhat stylized, with the first name "Martin" written in a larger, more prominent hand than the last name "Luther".

Commentary: It is common for people to judge us by our spouses and significant others. I am certain that I have embarrassed my spouse on many occasions – always unintentionally! Now after reading Luther’s words I can only imagine how many times I have embarrassed God with my actions, words, and thoughts. Thankfully, God is user friendly, patient, loving and forgiving!!!

Question: Who do you embarrass more – your spouse, significant other, or God?