My Declaration
of Conscientious Objector Status
in the Culture War

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- *I will not see people who disagree with me or believe differently from me as the enemy. They may be innocent bystanders. They may be victims. They may be prisoners. They may even be acting against me--but they are not my enemy. (Ephesians 6:12)*

- *I will not be tricked into thinking that anything they can do to me will do me irreparable harm. My security has nothing to do with other people. (Romans 8:28-39)*

- *I will not accept the lie that I must fight back when I am attacked, or else I am letting them win. In fact, I know that if I fight back, I will lose what really matters. (Matthew 5:39)*

- *I will not fall into the trap of using power in any form to compel people to believe or to behave. God has chosen not to do this, and I cannot cross that line. I will not manipulate, or lie, or misuse politics, with the agenda of forcing others to conform to my way of being or thinking. (Matthew 4:1-11)*

- *I will, however, be aware of the real battle going in people's hearts and souls. (James 4:1)*

- *I will watch for what God is doing in the lives of people I come across. (John 6:44 & 2 Peter 3:9)*

- *I will give God access to them through me and through my prayer. (1st Samuel 12:23)*

- *The real enemy is selfishness and greed and every other satanic manifestation of pride, that leads to rebellion against God, whether in me or in others. (Romans 8:7)*

- *Against this I choose humility, service and every other form of love, which I have learned from Jesus and which I able to live out through His sustaining power in me.   (1st John 4:8)*

- *I know that God's plan for impacting culture is to change people's hearts. I give Him access to change mine, and ask His grace that nothing I do would harden the hearts of people around me. (Ezekiel 36:26)*

- *I give myself to be an avenue through which God's love can brings about transformation in other people's hearts. (Matthew 28:19-20 & Matthew 25:34-40)*