And The Darkness Comprehended It Not

I WITNESSED TO THEM AND THEY STONED ME.

I WITNESSED TO THEM AND THEY HATED ME.

I WITNESSED TO THEM AND THEY ACCUSED ME OF "JUDGING."

I WITNESSED TO THEM AND THEY BROKE EVERYTHING, AND MOVED.

I WITNESSED TO THEM AND THEY EXCUSED THEIR EVIL TO ME BECAUSE THEY SAID I WAS "RELIGIOUS."

I WITNESSED TO THEM AND THEY STOLE FROM ME.

I WITNESSED TO THEM AND THEY REVILED AND REJECTED ME.

I WITNESSED TO THEM AND THEY WERE BROUGHT TO FULL ENLIGHTENMENT, AND UNDERSTANDING, AND THEY REBELLED AGAINST IT.

I WITNESSED TO THEM AND THEY PUT MY LIFE AND PROPERTY IN DANGER.

I WITNESSED TO THEM AND THEY WOULD NOT PAY THEIR RENT, OR MOVE, BUT STAYED ON ONLY TO AFFLICT AND TORMENT, AND INFLUENCE THE OTHER TENANTS INTO DISHONESTY AND DISLOYALTY AGAINST ME.

CONCLUSION: IN LOVE, I WITNESSED TO THEM, ONLY NOW REALIZING, THAT IN

THEIR PRIDE AND CONCEIT, THE CROSS WAS AN OFFENSE TO THEM, AS WELL AS ME. BUT, IF I HAD KNOWN THE WAY OF SALVATION AND NOT TOLD THEM IN TRUTH, THEIR LIFE AND BLOOD WOULD HAVE BEEN ON MY HANDS. BUT I TOLD THEM, AND MY WORDS WERE REJECTED AND THEIR SINS REMAINS, UNTIL GOD SENDS SOMEONE ELSE TO THEM, IF HE DOES. IN MERCY, HE HAD SENT ME TO THEM, AND THEIR DARKNESS COMPREHENDED IT NOT.

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I LEAVE YOU PRAYING AND I LOVE YOU. ESTELLA