

## Argument Without Animosity

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In her recent speech accepting her nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court, Amy Coney Barrett referred to the wisdom she had learned from having had the privilege of personally observing justices Antonin Scalia and Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Barrett's entire speech is worth viewing, but the excerpts quoted below are of crucial importance in today's often rancorous and vindictive social climate.

Here are Barrett's words:

"Particularly poignant to me was Ginsberg's long and deep friendship with Justice Antonin Scalia, my own mentor. Justices Scalia and Ginsburg disagreed fiercely in print without rancor in person. Their ability to maintain a warm and rich friendship despite their differences even inspired an opera. These two great Americans demonstrated that arguments, even about matters of great consequence, need not destroy affection."

May each of us follow their example. May we all learn to avoid personal rancor towards those with whom we fiercely disagree. May we know that arguments, even about matters of great consequence, need not destroy affection. These descriptions remind me of Jesus, who loved those who hated Him.