

060 MODESTUS  
An example, Lord Emperor?

061 VALENS  
Yes, an example. I am sending you to Caesarea, Modestus. You will find the bishop, order him to profess the Arian creed, and pledge his loyalty to me.

062 MODESTUS  
And if he refuses?

063 VALENS  
Burn down his church! Strip him naked and drag him into the street and beat him. Kill him! Do whatever it takes to make him embrace our rule or leave his body to the wild dogs!

064 MODESTUS  
(hesitates)  
Y-Yes, Lord Emperor.

065 VALENS  
Modestus? Julian was known for his soft hand in religious matters. I do not want to garner the same reputation.

MUSIC TRANSITION:

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INT. BRICK HOUSE - NIGHT

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CRICKETS CHIRP IN THE NIGHT. A FIRE CRACKLES.  
PEN SCRATCHES AGAINST PARCHMENT - WRITING BY  
CANDLE LIGHT.

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066 GREGORY  
Basil, our writings will teach many how to live a life in the world, but not of the world.

067 BASIL  
By God's help.

068 GREGORY  
I still have a question.

069 BASIL  
Go on, Gregory.

070 GREGORY

Do you still read the pagan  
philosophers?

071 BASIL

I do.

072 GREGORY

Has the Lord guided you in this? It  
seemed to have been drawing you  
down a wayward path in Athens, but  
so much has changed. What good has  
it brought you?

073 BASIL

Well... It is certain that we have  
received in our nature from God the  
capacity to obey all His  
commandments. Above all, the  
commandment to love him. If we act  
according to our nature, we fulfill  
the life of virtue. If we corrupt  
God's commandments, we succumb to  
vice. By reading pagan  
philosophers, do we choose virtue  
or vice? Both are possible. And so,  
I think it is a question of love.

074 GREGORY

A question of love?

075 BASIL

Our commandment is to love God. If  
we read the pagans in search of a  
greater love of the Divine  
Majesty... Our affections for our  
dear Crucified Jesus can only grow.

076 GREGORY

Yes... The splendour of God... And  
our true affection declares: I am  
wounded with love.

077 BASIL

God is my only love. I desire  
nothing else.

078 GREGORY

Then may whatever draws us to His  
Divine Majesty be found with us.

(beat)

Thank you Basil. You are a good  
bishop, and my closest friend.

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