

# Megan Lively, Survivor of Sexual Violence on a SBC Campus, Discussing Reactions from Men That Were Helpful Following her Assault



I want to be vocal about the huge amount of men that have handled my situation not only in the right way but gone above and beyond. For example:

**Action:** One of my male professors responded immediately.

**Compassion:** Another male professor responded with kindness and love and support, over and over and over and continues to.

**Protection:** The male administrator in charge of student files has locked up and secured my file.

**Wisdom:** My pastor encouraged me with this- “you were forced to show mercy at a time where there should have been justice.”

None of these men expressed a huge amount of anger or got loud ever—I’m sure that was difficult as they learned some pretty bad things. Anger, even towards the man that hurt me, was an emotion my body couldn’t emotionally handle at the time.