

Use The Scene to introduce “How to Resolve Conflict,” the High School Sunday school lesson for January 18, 2015. The lesson is found on page 43 of *High School Teacher* by Standard Publishing.

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Viewing the latest news through the lens of Scripture

New Hampshire businessman, Eddie Nash, is doing anything BUT resting in peace after his daughter and three of her friends ransacked his grave in search of his “real” will.

Michael Day pleaded guilty last Wednesday to criminal mischief charges relating to the break-in, which occurred on May 11 at Colebrook Village Cemetery. Melanie Nash (Eddie’s daughter) and another defendant have not yet entered their pleas, but a fourth defendant pleaded guilty to criminal mischief and abuse of a corpse.

Police said the friends took cash, a bottle of vodka, and cigarettes from the grave—but no will. Witnesses who came across the grave the next day described it as a “horrendous scene” straight out of an Edgar Allan Poe story.

“All this was done for the right reasons and I know my father would be OK with it,” Nash wrote in her statement to police. “We did it with respect.” Her statement goes on to describe how she discussed the plan with her friends and how she held the flashlight while they searched the grave.

Eddie Nash died in 2004 from a heart attack, leaving behind a heavy equipment business that is still being run by his family.

As students arrive, give each of them a copy of the above news story to read. After all teens have had the opportunity to read the article, discuss it in this way:

What do you think this family conflict is all about?

What’s your opinion of the way Melanie Nash chose to handle the situation?

How could she have handled it differently?

Think about a time when you handled a conflict in a less-than-perfect way. How did your poor reaction make the conflict worse? Unfortunately, conflict is a part of life. Since we can’t avoid conflict, we need a plan for handling it in a way that honors God. Let’s talk more about that.