



## TRAFFIC COURT - YIELD

- Sign:** Yield
- Characters:** Show Host, Bailiff, Judge, Sally Self-Reliant, and Officer Con Viction.
- Props/Costumes:** Judge can wear a graduation gown, gavel
- Theme:** Rely on God
- Verse:** "There is a way that seem right to a man, but its end is the way of death."  
(Prov. 14:12)

### Script

**Show host:** Welcome to Judge (Judy) Traffic Court. Today's show will feature our defendant, Sally Self-Reliant. Sally Self-Reliant has been ticketed for failure to yield to God's will. Now let's join our show.

**Bailiff:** All rise. The June 26 session of Traffic Court is now in session, the Honorable Judge (*Judy*) presiding. (*Judge walks in*) You may be seated. Your Honor, our plaintiff today is Sally Self-Reliant.

**Judge:** I see from the officer's notes that you were on Highway 7 to Eternal Life. It appears that you ignored more than a few signs to YIELD to God's will. Miss Self-Reliant, do you consider yourself above the law?

**Sally Self-Reliant:** No, Your Honor.

**Judge:** Why don't you begin by telling me about the day in question.

**Sally Self-Reliant:** Well, Your Honor, I was traveling down Highway 7 to Eternal Life, as I have for the past six months. My day started out well. I stopped at a rest area for refreshing along the way. (*reflects*) Looking back on it, I remember that was the day I read "God's ways are not man's ways." I guess I wasn't paying attention. Anyway, I felt on top of the world when I left that rest area. I drove for hours and it was smooth sailing! And then I saw that the road ahead was narrower, the terrain steeper, and the rocks in the road made it appear that travel would be difficult—especially in my little car. I was afraid I would damage my drive train if I continued on the highway.

**Judge:** Are you familiar with this stretch of road, Officer Con Viction?

**Officer Con Viction:** Oh yes, Your Honor! I frequently assist travelers along this part of the road. They sometimes need a little encouragement so that they can make it through. I often advise them that this difficult stretch of road is only temporary...the road won't be like this forever. There is a season to everything. Driving this difficult stretch of road actually serves to help drivers navigate God's will more easily... Drivers who are determined to follow God's will, no matter what the difficulty, are stronger for their effort. And they, of course, have the added power and guidance of the Spirit to help them navigate the more difficult stretches of road. We hope that our good drivers will become skillful navigators, and teach younger drivers.

**Judge:** Officer Con Viction, do you recall seeing Miss Self-Reliant on the day in question?

**Officer Con Viction:** Why yes! It was quite a sight to see!

**Judge:** Miss Self-Reliant, please continue with your recollection of the events.

**Sally Self-Reliant:** Well, Your Honor, I had never faced a road like that. I am usually very self-reliant.

**Judge:** (*interrupting*) Isn't your name "Self-Reliant"?)

**Sally Self-Reliant:** Well, yes it is. After I saw the road ahead, I knew I couldn't handle it on my own. I may be self-reliant, but I'm also a realist. And I knew that road was too hard for me to make it on my own--so I needed to find an alternate route. Even though I saw the YIELD sign, I just couldn't believe that yielding to God's will meant for me to go through such a difficult time. I thought that if I cut through the field on the west and took the back roads, I would find a short cut and bypass this rough piece of road. My way certainly seemed as good as His at the time...at least in my own eyes. Now don't get me wrong--that little voice inside me kept on saying "you need to keep your eye on the road and not get distracted", but that day I just grew weary and decided to take things into my own hands. So I veered off and started looking for back roads that seemed to be heading the right way. That's when Officer Con Viction started following me with her lights on. But by then, I was bound and determined I was right. So I just kept going. But that officer, she kept on my tail. Finally, I figured that I would stop and hear her out.

**Judge:** Officer Con Viction, has the defendant been truthful in your opinion up to this point?

**Officer Con Viction:** Yes. But she drove those back roads for a good two hours before she decided finally to stop. But I kept following her so that she would know that she would know that she was never alone. I was hoping that she would soon figure out soon that the way that seems right unto a man only leads to death. She forgot that parts of her car don't even function unless she is yielding to God's will—like that Power of the Holy Spirit button does not work, nor does her Guidance system.

**Sally Self-Reliant:** Oh...so that's why I was so frustrated! It was a good thing I finally stopped and listened to Officer Con Viction. Looking back today, Your Honor, I feel as if I was but one sheep, and the shepherd was willing to leave his whole flock to rescue me. I just needed to trust that He who began a good work in me would complete it, even though the road ahead may be a difficult one. Your Honor, I deeply regret ever leaving the road to Eternal Life. I hope to never repeat that mistake again. I am so grateful that Officer Con Viction stopped me from continuing in my own way.

**Judge:** Officer Con Viction do you have any testimony to add?

**Officer Con Viction:** No, Your Honor, I am just grateful that she is safe and that she is following God's will again.

**Judge:** Miss Self-Reliant, I hope you don't think that I will go easy on you just because you learned your lesson. Why, oh why do you people feel like you have to do it your own way so often. It is so obviously wrong! You work so hard in your flesh—you exhaust yourself—and that surely isn't God's will. There are consequences to

following your own way, Miss Self-Reliant. Fortunately, you have no need to spend any time in the jail of Guilt. But you did miss out on seeing God work in a miraculous way to get your car through that difficult passage. There will be tests ahead to see if you have learned your lesson that God's will is best.

**Sally Self-Reliant:** I understand, Your Honor. If it is possible, this might be a good time to change my name. I would like to drop the "Self-Reliant" from my name and be Sally Submission instead.

**Judge:** Bailiff, can you get the paperwork started on that? (*Bailiff nods*)

**Judge:** In that case, we dismiss the charges against you and offer you a fresh start Miss Submission. I wish you the best on your road to eternal life. Court is dismissed. (*bangs gavel*)

**Show host:** Well this has been another episode of Judge (*Judy*) Traffic Court. We have learned today that relying on our own strength is not the best option for one traveling toward eternal life. There is a way that may seem right to us, but it does not lead to life. Our best bet is to rely on God's strength and His guidance, because He know what is right.