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Note from Jim:

I didn't include Greg Beals' picture at the bottom of the last couple of newsletters. I had no idea this would raise the concern that it has, but I'm actually blessed by the number of you that cared enough to respond and ask if everything was OK. Greg has simply been busy looking after his ailing mother. He has not been as active as he'd like to be with street fishing, but we recognize that taking care of those in a time of need like this is pleasing to God and ministry in it's own form (James 1:27).

I didn't include his picture on the newsletter since I wasn't able to mention him in the weekly report lately and thought that might be confusing. Little did I know the confusion it would actually lead to with the number of "where's Greg?" emails that were produced. I'm glad you all cared so much. Keep our brother, his mother and family in your prayers. I know his heart is with us on the streets and should our Lord tarry, Greg will be joining us on the frontlines once he is able.

For now, as "A Fool Forgiven" co-leader here in Southern Oregon, Greg's picture will return to its place at the bottom of the newsletter.

Scripture of the Week:

Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? (Galatians 3:2-3)

Quote of the Week:

"Evangelization is a process of bringing the gospel to people where they are, not where you would like them to be. When the gospel reaches a people where they are, their response to the gospel is the church in a new place." (Vincent Donovan)

Recommended Resource:



Kirk Cameron's Comments: "I saw EXPULSED and thought it was tremendous! The sheer intellect on the ID (Intelligent Design) side of the debate clears the notion of 'fairy tales' and the honesty of famous atheists like Richard Dawkins and his minions is shocking. Ben Stein does an excellent job using humor, tenacity, and personal passion to expose the anti-God, anti-American, Big Science agenda, linking Darwin's theory to the horrors of the Holocaust. A must see for every believer, agnostic, and atheist."

Ray Comfort's Comments: "If you have felt frustrated by all the lies about Intelligent Design, you will be thrilled with this movie—especially the concluding interview with Richard Dawkins. Please, go to EXPULSED! Take your church, your youth group, your neighbors, your mother. It will spark interesting conversations."

Visit www.GetExpelled.com

- Learn about new scientific evidence that invalidates Darwin's claims.
- Hear from scientists who are being silenced for those discoveries.
- Learn to defend your belief in God based on scientific evidence.
- Learn what can and can't be taught in schools, and how that is changing nationwide.
- See a SNEAK PEEK of exclusive clips from Ben Stein's "Expelled" movie.



"Well, on the positive side of things, this makes me glad God is keeping his promise not to flood the ENTIRE globe again."

Questions & Objections:

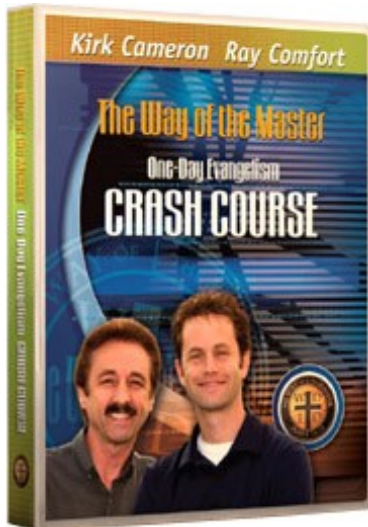
This O&A comes from [The Evidence Bible](#).

O. The church is full of hypocrites.

A. Hypocrites may show up at a church building every Sunday, but there are no hypocrites in the Church (Christ's body). Hypocrite comes from the Greek word for "actor," or pretender. Hypocrisy is "the practice of professing beliefs, feelings, or virtues that one does not hold."

The Church is made up of true believers; hypocrites are "pretenders" who sit among God's people. God knows those who love Him, and the Bible warns that He will sort out the true converts from the false on the Day of Judgment. All hypocrites will end up in hell (Matthew 24:51).

One-Day Way of the Master Training:



We would be glad to host a Way of the Master evangelism training for your church or small group. This one-day seminar is a proven, effective way to help people overcome their fear of witnessing and show them how to reach out to the lost. We will quickly equip those who attend to simply and effectively share their faith with family, friends, and strangers. What makes our training unique is when the classroom training is over, you have the option to hit the streets and immediately start to use the new tools you have just learned. The seminar consists of the following activities:

- Three powerful interactive messages that will equip the attendees in how to share the gospel effectively and biblically with anyone, anytime, anywhere.
- Quick Tips on how to have fun sharing your faith while overcoming your fears.
- Quick Tips on how to effectively witness one-2-one using the Way of the Master.
- Hands-on, in-the-trenches training with proven leaders.

The One-Day Way of the Master Training is **FREE** for the host and to all who attend.

** The Way of the Master has been commended by Franklin Graham, Dr. D. James Kennedy, David Wilkerson, Bill Gothard, John MacArthur, Ravi Zacharias, David Jeremiah, Joni Eareckson Tada, Josh McDowell, and many other Christian leaders.

Weekly "Fishing" Report:

Street fishing on Saturday was a good time. There was some type of "murder mystery" contest going on downtown where people would register and then go from business to business gathering clues. Some cast members were also dressed in costume and outside on the sidewalk where they'd talk to people in-character. Though we hadn't planned it in advance with Dave, Darrin and I wearing our black Fishin-Fools shirts and

passing out [What If?](#) tracts it must have looked like we had something to do with the event. People readily took the tracts and often even said "thank-you". Rarely have tracts gone out so easily. We went through 250-300 that afternoon.



One of the kids that hangs out downtown put a tract on her skateboard.

We came across Amber and Ashley with some of their friends. I first talked with these girls over two years ago and have been able to continue sharing tracts and other things with them. They wave and say "hi" when they see our team. Once or twice, Ashley has told some of the teens to pay attention and listen to me as she passed by while I was in a one-2-one. The two of them have also told me they've gone to my website to listen back over the MP3 from that first witnessing encounter, so I've in effect been able to share the gospel with them all over again. ([Click here](#) for the audio.) Amber had her skateboard sitting beside her and I noticed she had one of the [What If?](#) tracts glued to the bottom of it. It was tattered and worn, so I gave her and Ashley some new ones. One of the guys with them saw the tracts and asked for one himself. As I said, the gospel tracts went out very easily that day.

The most amazing encounter came as we passed the Dutch Bros coffee house. As usual, there was a bunch of young people hanging out on the patio and in the parking lot. I made a pass through them to give out some tracts. A girl at one table said she'd already gotten a [What If?](#) tract, so I showed her the [Curved Illusion](#) cards. The group at the table all took some. As we were leaving, a guy called out and came after us. He wore a black t-shirt, with big spacers in his earlobes, a nose ring and closely shave head. However, when he caught up to us he asked if we knew where he could get a Bible. You just can't judge a book by its cover. His name is Matt. He at one time felt close to God but has since fallen hard into drugs and alcohol. He's fighting to be free and is seeking God but the Bible he had fell into some water and he can't even turn the pages now. I gave him a Gospel of John that I had with me and also my card. I asked him to call me and since I'm off work on Monday I'd make it a point to get a Bible to him. He said he'd call and that I could usually find him just hanging out there at Dutch Bros.

When we left, we headed over to see if I might have a New Testament in my car. However, after just a block or so I changed my mind and told the guys I wanted to just go down to the Evangel's Christian bookstore and buy a Bible for Matt. The store was only a few blocks away and I wanted to put it in his hands as soon as possible. After buying the Bible we scooted back up to Dutch Bros, but I was disappointed to find that Matt had already left. All I could do was trust to the fact I told him to call me since I'd have a Bible for him on Monday, and I prayed God would bring him back across my path.

Cut to Monday. I headed out to run some errands and since I'd be walking downtown I put the Bible in my pocket, hoping I might come across Matt. I made a point to pass by Dutch Bros, even though it was only 11am and I didn't expect to find him there. However, there he was sitting by himself on the patio. I gave him the Bible and he was really appreciative. Since he was alone, he was able to be more open and talk this time. Just two

weeks ago, he'd had a radical blue and green mohawk and seven more piercings in his face. He was trying to clean up and tone it down. He's seeing a probation officer of some sort and was honest in telling them that they'd be disappointed with finding alcohol and marijuana in his recent urine test. However, he says that's come a long way from where he used to be on cocaine, heroine, and other such drugs. He admits he has an alcohol dependency and he seems to recognize that God is the only one that can set him free. He was heading from there to Walmart to get a phone. He made sure that he had my number and promised to call me once he got it.

We parted ways and I headed over to the bank. After that, I stopped in at Evangel's just to see what was new. Matt was there! He was still carrying the Bible and one of the employees was helping him check on some Christian books on addiction. I said I'd help him look into some resources too, but also reminded him that he's got the best book on breaking addiction and bondage right there in the Bible. He said he understood that and commented that it was the Bible saying to honor your father and mother that had lead him to get rid of those other piercings he used to have. I got to talk with him a little bit more outside the store. I could relate with him some from my own drug use in the past. I told him how I'd gone for at least two years smoking pot where I never saw a sober day; it was how I coped back then. He said that was him with drinking. In fact, he confessed these last two days were the first he'd been sober in a long time. The most touching thing he shared was that he'd just recently cried out for God to bring someone into his life because he was about to give up ... then we met on Saturday. God is good!

Matt headed off to get a phone and called me about a half-hour later to give me his number. I told him I'd be available to perhaps meet on Mondays over coffee just to talk and go through the Bible. He's even wanting to come out on some Saturdays with us for the fellowship and to grow in God.

Pray for Matt, Amber, Ashley and the other seed that has been sown. May Jesus be lifted up!

Prayer Points:

- Pray for *Way of the Master Radio* this week.
- "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Matthew 9:37-38, ESV)

Calendar:

- **Downtown Fishing Hole** (Recurring)
Saturdays
Street witnessing (3pm to 6pm) downtown along 6th Street. Meet in the Budget Internet parking lot (4th St & F St).

If you would like to join us, [email us](#) your contact info.

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