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## Evangelism Update 05-11-08

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### Note from Jim:

Here's another good video clip from Mark Driscoll.

[How does God feel about sin?](#)

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### Scripture of the Week:

Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus. (Acts 3:19-20)

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### Quote of the Week:

"I know men and I tell you that Jesus Christ is no mere man. Between him and every other person in the world there is no possible term of comparison. Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne, and I have founded empires. But on what did we rest the creation of our genius? Upon force. Jesus Christ founded his empire upon love; and at this hour millions of men would die for him." (Napoleon)

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### Recommended Resource:

Now is a good time to order some tracts to pass out at the upcoming Memorial Day events. The folks at One Million Tracts have a good one.

[Let Freedom Ring](#)



**Tract Text:** Fifty-six men signed the Declaration of Independence. Their conviction for freedom resulted in untold

sufferings for themselves and their families. Of the 56 men, five were captured by the British and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons in the Revolutionary Army. Another had two sons captured. Nine of the fifty-six fought and died from wounds or hardships of the war. Freedom is not easily won. Jesus Christ was imprisoned, beaten and crucified on a cross for our freedom. Our sins condemn us to a life in hell, which is the ultimate prison. Jesus came to die in our place, for our sins, so that you could be set free from the punishment of death and hell. He then rose from the grave defeating death. God (Acts 17:31) commands you to repent (turn from sin) and place your faith in Jesus, who alone is the only one that is able to save you (Acts 4:12) from hell. There is salvation in no other name, so pray something like this: God, I repent of my sins against you. Today I put my faith in you as Lord. Please forgive me of my sins, cleanse me, and grant me everlasting life. In Jesus's name. Amen. For more information go to [www.YouGotOurTract.com](http://www.YouGotOurTract.com)

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Mom, I think Dad is taking the "day of rest" a little too far.

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#### Questions & Objections:

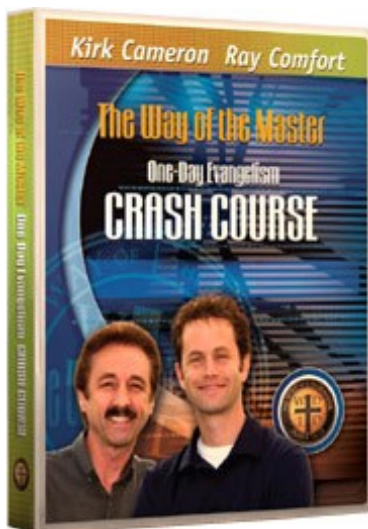
This O&A comes from [The Evidence Bible](#).

**O.** Jesus didn't condemn the woman caught in the act of adultery, but condemned those who judged her. Therefore you shouldn't judge others.

**A.** The Christian is not "judging others" but simply telling the world of God's judgment -- that God (not the Christian) has judged all the world as being guilty before Him (Romans 3:19,23). Jesus was able to offer that woman forgiveness for her sin, because He was on his way to die on the cross for her. She acknowledged him as "Lord," but he still told her, "Go, and sin no more." If she didn't repent, she would perish.

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#### 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.

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### Weekly "Fishing" Report:



Saturday was the downtown Wine Stroll as well as the Pow Wow at Riverside Park. Dave, Darrin and I met, loaded up with tracts and prepared for some good street fishing. We gave away a bunch of the [Curved Illusion](#) tracts to the wine strollers by offering free "field sobriety tests" which also garnered some good laughs.



The park was a different story. We got to the Pow Wow and immediately sensed the presence or spirit that hung over the place. A few hundred people were gathered around the circle. Drummers were beating out an earthy rhythm as the dancers moved and shuffled to it. My heart was heavy. The whole sense of the place was hauntingly similar to the pagan gatherings and festivals I'd been part of in the past. Even the dancers were a mix of those in full Native American dress and the pagans wearing their tie-dye, crystals and dreadlocks. Merchants, banners and giant puppet-like costumes all pointed to earth and even goddess worship.



The three of us had little to say. I could tell the others were as troubled as I was to witness what was happening in the heart of our city. We quietly made our way around the outside of the crowd. It was overwhelming and we just couldn't seem to find a place to start. We regrouped a little ways off to the side and prayed. Finally feeling ready, we began a tract sweep. We passed out several tracts, but people were largely resistant and even antagonistic. One man tore a tract up in front of me, others chased us down to give them back. All the while

there was that heavy presence hanging over the place which actually began to make me sick to my stomach.



After completing the tract sweep, we headed over to the playground for a breather and to see who might be around there. I found a group of five teens sitting at a picnic table. I used the [Curved Illusion](#) cards as an icebreaker and got into a conversation with Sam who turned out to be a Jehovah's Witness. It was an interesting exchange and I used the opportunity to walk through [The Good Person Test](#) and present the gospel of salvation by grace through faith alone (Ephesians 2:8-9) while the others listened in. Sam was mired in his cult's religion and revealed something that concerns me still. He couldn't have been more than his mid to late teens and he really knew his stuff. He pulled JW Bible verses and doctrine from memory, which would run circles around most of the youth in our churches today, and perhaps even most of the adults. It was a good example of how we really do need to study and show ourselves as workmen approved rightly handling the word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15) and be prepared to give a reason for the hope that lies within us (1 Peter 3:15). Please, if there's any way through resources or [The Way of the Master](#) training we can help encourage or equip you in sharing your faith ... just let us know.



Pray for the seed that was sown. Pray for our city! With two New Age witchcraft shops and an active Egyptian temple on the main drag downtown, this pagan Pow Wow in our main city park is just another part of a

rising trend. Now is the time for the Christians to stand up and be salt and light.

*"Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! (Revelation 21:8)*

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**Prayer Points:**

- Pray for greater boldness in witnessing 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)
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**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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