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Note from Jim:

The team will not be meeting for street fishing this coming Saturday.

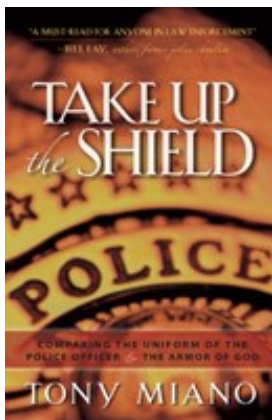
Scripture of the Week:

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. (1 John 4:10)

Quote of the Week:

"Jesus of Nazareth, without money and arms, conquered more millions than Alexander the Great, Caesar, Mohammed, and Napoleon; without science and learning, he shed more light on things human and divine than all philosophers and scholars combined; without the eloquence of school, he spoke such words of life as were never spoken before or since, and produced effects which lie beyond the reach of orator or poet; without writing a single line, he set more pens in motion, and furnished themes for more sermons, orations, discussions, learned volumes, works of art, and songs of praise than the whole army of great men of ancient and modern times." (Philip Schaff)

Recommended Resource:



[Take Up The Shield](#)

Written by a street cop, this unique publication compares the various pieces of law enforcement equipment to the spiritual armor that the Bible describes in Ephesians chapter 6. Real-life law enforcement stories drive home the importance of each piece of equipment.

Although much has been written about this well-known passage of Scripture, little has been written from the perspective of a Christian who wears and uses the physical armor of the police officer every day, fighting both the physical battle against crime in our society and the spiritual battle against evil that all individuals are called to fight.

You don't have to be a cop or a Christian to be encouraged and challenged by this book. In addition to building your faith, this book will serve as a helpful introduction to the men and women who protect you and your community.

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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.

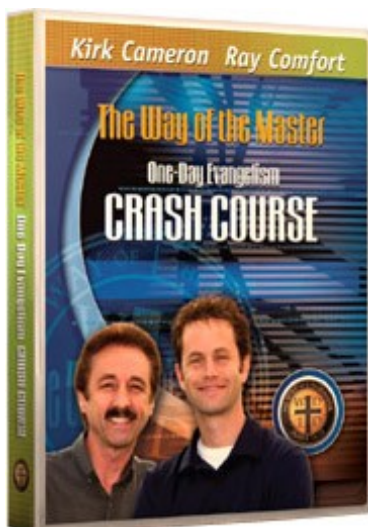
Weekly "Fishing" Report:

Saturday was hot! 102 degrees of hot while the three of us were on the streets. It was the kind of day where tracts really come in handy. The heat meant people weren't interested in stopping to talk, but it still proved to be a good street fishing time because we were able to put the gospel in their hands anyways. There was a motorcycle rally of some sort going on at Riverside Park. They had a stage and bar-b-q set up at the big pavilion along with a number of booths. I thought of preaching open air, but it really wasn't so much of a crowd as pockets of people scattered about trying to get cool in the shade; some were busy getting their food and others were huddling in the pavilion or around the booths. While I didn't get to pick-up a one-2-one, I was able to make a tract sweep through the event and passed out over a hundred [Million Dollar Bill](#) tracts in a matter of minutes.

We also made a couple of passes downtown and gave out a number of tracts there as well. On our way down the the park we caught up with a group of three teen guys. I asked if they'd gotten their [Millions](#) yet and gave them each a tract. One of them asked "Is this the one with the million dollar question on it?" He flipped it over and said "Great!" while showing his friends. That was so encouraging. He and the others started reading the gospel message on the back. Before I had a chance to say much of anything further they headed across the street, but they were still checking out the tracts as they went. A little later we came across a group of teens sitting in the shade of the community building at 6th & G Streets. One of them called out and asked us why we were all wearing the same "[Fishin' Fools](#)" shirts. I answered that we were a street ministry. He said "cool" and the girl beside him told me she went to a church in Williams. I took the opportunity and tried to ask her more about her church, hoping it might take us into a one-2-two. She was tight-lipped though and just didn't give me an opening. It's strange how the "Christian" in the group can be the one that gives you friction while the others can be open. So, I changed tactics and told the first guy that I wanted to show him one of our most popular tracts. I pulled out that [Curved Illusion](#) cards and held them up, asking him which one looked longer. He really like the trick and it drew the attention of the three other people there with them. So, I gave the tracts to the others as well. Meanwhile, the first guy started reading the gospel message on the back of the cards out loud. How cool is that? It didn't become a real conversation or that type of witnessing encounter. There's no MP3 audio worth uploading from it. Still, it was neat to see how God opened the door for the gospel to be shared there ... with this young guy calling us over to them, his reading the cards and the others getting tracts in their hands from our interaction. It was nothing big and flashy, but we knew something had happened there. Sometimes we just have to be available and trust God that maybe we're just planting the seed and he will be faithful to see it watered and harvested in his timing.

Pray for the seed that was sown. May Jesus Christ receive the glory he is due!

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.

Prayer Points:

- Pray that God will break your heart for the lost 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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