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Note from Jim:

Check out this thought provoking blog post by our friend and fellow street evangelist, Jon Speed.

[Todd Bentley, Spiritual Blindness and the Tenth Commandment](#)

Scripture of the Week:

And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. (Colossians 1:9-10)

Quote of the Week:

"Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty, and then for three years he was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never put his foot inside a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place where he was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but himself. He had nothing to do with this world except the naked power of his divine manhood. While still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against him. He was turned over to his enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. His executioners gambled for the only piece of property he had on earth while He was dying -- and that was his coat. When he was dead he was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend. Such was his human life -- he rises from the dead. Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone and today he is the centerpiece of the human race and the leader of the column of progress. I am within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever were built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as has that one solitary life." (James C. Hefley)

Recommended Resource:



ChristianResearchService.com

Christian Research Service is a ministry that exists in order to help equip churches and individual believers in counter-cult, apologetic and church discernment issues.



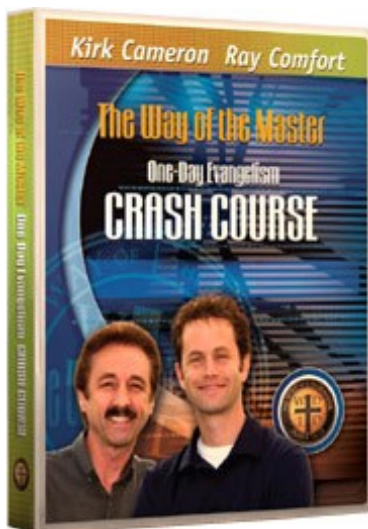
Questions & Objections:

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

O. Jews don't need to be "saved"; they're already God's chosen people. Even the New Testament says "so all Israel shall be saved."

A. The gospel was first preached to the Jews. They were commanded to repent and trust the Savior (Acts 2:38), and warned that if they didn't repent, they would perish (Luke 13:3). John the Baptist preached fearful words to those who, simply because they were Jews, thought that they need not repent. The Bible says, "Then said he to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him, O generation of vipers, who has warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say to you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children to Abraham. And now also the axe is laid to the root of the trees: every tree therefore which brings not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire" (Luke 3:7-9).

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:

Dave, Darrin and I had a great time street fishing on Saturday. We came across a multi-church praise and worship gathering being held at Riverside Park. Recognizing that many times the mission field today is found within the professing church we made a tract sweep and gave out a good number of [Who is Jesus?](#) tracts before heading back 6th Street.

Not long after hitting downtown, I had a one-2-one with a young man named James. It was interesting, because he started the conversation saying he was an atheist. Later he said he thinks there may be a higher power of some sort, which shifted him to an agnostic. Then as we got to the gospel, he said that he'd had some form of Christian background. I tried to clarify things as we covered sin, righteousness, judgment and grace which left him with a picture of the biblical gospel. He said it made sense and it had given him something to chew on. He then took a Gospel of John and a [This Was Your Life](#) tract as he left.

[Click here](#) to listen to the MP3 audio of the witnessing encounter.



Jim shares the gospel one-2-one with James.

After swinging through the patio outside the Dutch Bros coffeehouse with some tracts, we headed back down 6th Street and noticed some bumper stickers on a car that grabbed our attention: *"Prepare to meet thy God"* (Amos 4:12). *"Are you saved?"* and *"Ye must be born again"* (John 3:7). I stopped to take some pictures, not knowing that the owner (Jesse Boyd) and his friend (Bishnu Shrestha) were just down the block. Jesse told me later that he saw us and thought we might be mocking his car so he was coming back to witness to us. That's great! Naturally, we introduced ourselves. Jesse heads up [Full Proof Gospel Ministries](#) and Bishnu is the founder of [DSMA Publications and Ministries](#) in Nepal. Jesse had met Bishnu during some missionary trips to Nepal. (See their websites for more details.) Now, they are translating [Mark Cahill's](#) two books "One Thing You Can't Do In Heaven" and "One Heartbeat Away" into Nepalese to share with the people there. Praise God! This time, Bishnu had come to visit Jesse in America. Rather than just making it a social visit, they decided to turn it around and hit the road with Bishnu being a Nepal missionary to the U.S. How cool is that?



Bumper stickers that caught our eye.

Anyways, they were driving to Bend and Jesse had gotten tired, so they pulled off here at Grants Pass to rest. After a catnap, they decided to get out and do some street fishing. That's when God brought us across their path. Since they didn't know the area, they asked if they could join us. God is so good! They were giving out a couple of tract booklets that Jesse had written, you can see them in pdf format here: [Haven't You Heard?](#) and [Blunt Truth](#). It was a blessed time of refreshing and fellowship. We swapped stories and found we knew several of the same people and resources in the street evangelist circles. They were brothers-in-arms. There are times you can really feel alone in the battle for souls, then God does something like this to remind you that there are others in the fight with you.



Jesse uses a rope trick as an icebreaker.

Jesse picked up a one-2-two with a couple of folks that we've talked to or shared tracts with before. He showed them a rope trick that walked through a gospel presentation. It was a good chance for them to hear the message of the salvation from yet another source. We keep pointing them to the cross and can only pray that God would grant them repentance.

A man showed interest in what Bishnu and Dave were handing out. So they gave him a [Who is Jesus?](#) tract and [Haven't You Heard?](#) booklet. He said he was a preacher himself, and that he holds a small service in the park with the homeless and bikers. He then explained that it was more like a Native American gathering and that the "services" actually consisted of different people sharing rather than him giving a standard teaching or sermon. He justified the fact that he drinks with the bikers as his way of gaining their trust to then share the gospel with them. Dave swung into [The Good Person Test](#). He was only able to get through three of the commandments, as what he covered was clearly getting to the man. The "preacher" excused himself saying he was busy and wanted to get back to what he was doing. Dave says it wasn't anger or intentional rudeness, but clearly conviction under the truth. Dave thanked him for his time and asked him to read the items they left with him.



Dave, Jesse, Bishnu and Darrin

After wrapping things up, I took Jesse and Bishnu out for dinner. It was chance for further fellowship and encouragement. We then prayed before they had to get back on the road for Bend. Take the time to check out the links I gave you above and pray for these brothers and their ministries.

Pray for the seed that was sown. Jesus, may you receive the honor that you're due.

Prayer Points:

- Pray for Living Waters Africa 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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