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Evangelism Update 08-17-08

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Note from Jim:

Our team will not be meeting for street fishing this Saturday (8/23).

Scripture of the Week:

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. (John 1:12-13)

Quote of the Week:

"I have read in Plato and Cicero sayings that are very wise and very beautiful; but I never read in either of them: "Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden." (Augustine)

Recommended Resource:



A few weeks ago, I expressed my concerns over *The Shack* being heralded as a "Christian" best seller. This book continues to make inroads into evangelical circles, and is even looking to hit the big screen in the not-too-distant future. We really need to be aware of what it contains. I recommend you look into the following two items.

Check out Tony Miano's blog post titled [Yet Another Book You Won't Find On My Shelf](#).

Matt Slick is President and Founder of the Christian Apologetics and Research Ministry (CARM). He interviewed William P. Young (author of *The Shack*) on his radio show last month. Hearing the author speak and attempt to justify himself sure explains a lot. [Click here](#) to listen.



A lot has changed since Eden including opossums.

Questions & Objections:

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

O. Religion has caused more wars than anything else in history.

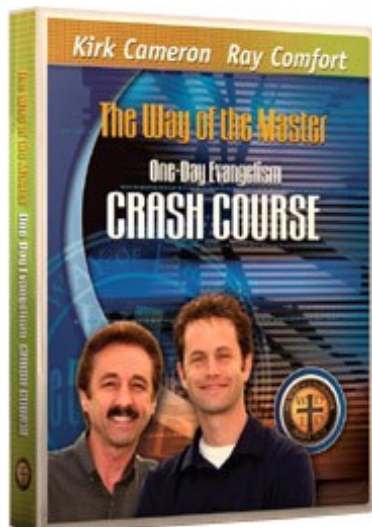
A. It is true that man has used religion for political gain. Nazi Germany had "God with us" engraved in German on the belts of Nazi soldiers. America said, "Praise the Lord and pass the ammunition." The law may even allow you to start the Christian Nazi Party, if you so desire. You can become a "reverend" for a few dollars through the tabloid classifieds and then further your political agenda with the world's blessing, no matter how much it smears the name of Christ.

Jesus tells us in John 16:2,3 that there will be some who, in their error, commit atrocities and murder in the name of God: "The time is coming that whosoever kills you will think that he does God service." However, He informs us that these are not true believers: "And these things will they do to you, because they have not known the Father, nor me." (See also 1 John 3:15.)

Jesus told His followers to love their enemies. So if a man puts a knife into someone's back in the name of Christianity, something obviously isn't right. If we human beings can detect it, how much more will God? He will deal with it on Judgment Day.

"I know that the Lord is always on the side of right. But it is my constant anxiety and prayer that I - and this nation - should be on the Lord's side." (Abraham Lincoln)

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:

At first, it seemed liked we weren't going to make it for street fishing at the Josephine County Fair on Saturday. Car trouble, health problems and 3-digit temperatures all hit that day, but we pushed through. We were at the fairgrounds for an hour and a half. It was hot! Sweat was stinging our eyes and our throats felt like cotton. However, the strength for our labors came by God, through God and for God and ended up having a great time witnessing and sharing the gospel. In the end we'd given out approximately 300 gospel tracts and picked up six different witnessing encounters.

I had the first one-2-one within 100 yards of the gate. Melissa was a carny working one of the game booths. She saw my "Name Ten Get \$20" shirt and called me over to ask about it. I gave her 60 seconds to name all ten commandments. She got five (sadly, only two or three is average). I then asked if she's at least kept the commandments she'd just told me that she knew, and that swung into [The Good Person Test](#). Something really neat happened. As we went through the commandments and revealed her sin in lying, stealing, lusting and blasphemy she recognized that she'd be judged guilty by God. I asked her how then would she make it right? How would she settle it up with God? She looked me in the eye and said, "I don't know. I've actually been trying to figure that out." God's timing is great! I then got to share the gospel with her. She'd broken God's Law but Jesus had paid the fine through his death and resurrection. Her repentance and faith in Christ would mean God

could dismiss her case on Judgment Day due to lack of evidence ... there would be no sin to see. It really is good news that we get to share. She took a Gospel of John and an [Are You Good Enough To Go To Heaven?](#) Tract when we were done.



Jim shares the gospel with Melissa.

Dave had a one-2-four with some teens that go to a local church. He was passing out [What If?](#) cards and the girls asked what they were. He said it was a gospel tract and they responded by telling him they had Jesus in their hearts. He questioned them on what they meant and took them through [The Good Person Test](#). They were giggling and chipper as he started, but as he went over the commandments their tone noticeably changed. As the law began to bring conviction of sin, the girls grew somber and paid real attention to where this was going. They tried to justify themselves, but Dave went over the court room analogy which they said made sense. He then finished by pointing to the cross, where Jesus paid the penalty for their sins in a similar fashion.



Dave witnesses to some teens.

Dave later picked up a one-2-two with Taylor and Dylan. They'd stopped him to ask about my "Name Ten Get \$20" shirt. He explained the challenge and gave them each a [What If?](#) card. He then asked if they thought they were a good person. Naturally, they both said "yes" and told him they'd grown up going to church. So, Dave took them through [The Good Person Test](#). When he came to the seventh commandment, they both said they hadn't committed adultery. Then Dave told them what Jesus said about lust being adultery in the heart. They got quiet and realized they were guilty. Dylan said he just had to ask for forgiveness to get out of it. So, Dave explained the necessity of repentance in salvation and explained the courtroom scenario. They understood it. He challenged them to dig deeper in the Bible and thanked them for their time.



Dave in a one-2-two with Taylor and Dylan.

The Lord also provided some encounters with other Christians to encourage us along the way. One man even stopped to pray with us after we talked with him. We came across the CEF folks running the Good News booth. They encouraged us in our street fishing and gave us some gospel presentation wristbands. In another spot, [The Emmons Sisters](#) were getting ready to perform and we got to talk with their mom for a bit. She was glad to see we were out sharing the gospel and passing out tracts. It was also neat to see them, as Victoria Emmons stars in the movie [Come What May](#) which we actually watched at our church later that evening. (You must see this movie! It's good Christian entertainment with some powerful and wonderful messages.)

I picked up three more one-2-ones with different carries (Bobby, Jessica, and Quail) as we made our way back toward the gate. It was interesting, the "Name Ten Get \$20" seemed to particularly draw the attention of the carries. None of them could name all ten commandments, but each time created a chance to share the gospel of salvation and all three took an [Are You Good Enough To Go To Heaven?](#) tract and a Gospel of John afterwards.

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

Prayer Points:

- Pray for persecuted Christians around the world 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:

- **Our team will not be meeting for street fishing Saturday (8/23).**
- **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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