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### Scripture of the Week:

When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." (John 11:43-44)

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### Quote of the Week:

"As a child I received instruction both in the Bible and in the Talmud. I am a Jew, but I am enthralled by the luminous figure of the Nazarene. No one can read the Gospels without feeling the actual presence of Jesus. His personality pulsates in every word. No myth is filled with such life." (Albert Einstein)



Adam and Eve's kids talk about the age of the earth.

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## Recommended Resource:



This video is a must see. Christianity is not a cruise ship. It is a rescue vessel. We are called to seek and save that which is lost; not to just play church and talk about reaching the world that is perishing around us.

[Lost At Sea](#)

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## Questions & Objections:

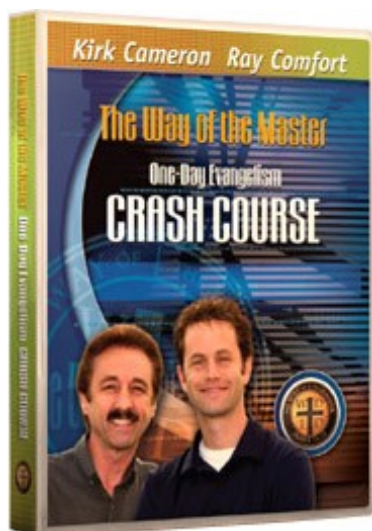
*This O&A comes from [The Evidence Bible](#).*

**O.** There is no absolute truth. You can't be sure of anything!

**A.** Those who say that there are no absolutes are often very adamant about their belief. If they say that they are absolutely sure, then they are wrong because their own statement is an absolute. If they are not 100 percent sure, then there is a chance that they are wrong and they are risking their eternal salvation by trusting in a wrong belief. God tells us that there is an objective, absolute truth that is not subject to man's interpretations or whims, on which we can base our eternity. That truth is the Word of God (John 17:7).

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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:**

Praise Jesus! Following our presentation at the youth’s Big Tent Event on Tuesday, our team size was effectively doubled for street fishing on Saturday. We had three new laborers join us: Jordan, Joey and Ryan. I thank God for these guys.

We split into two teams of three and headed down 6th Street; one group on each side. Darrin and Joey were in my team. We passed out a number of tracts as we made our way to Riverside Park. At the park, we found festival being held there. It was the [Chili Days Cook Off](#). There were bunches of people there, so we headed back up 6th to find the other guys and regroup.

Dave and Darrin were tag-teaming in a witnessing encounter with some teens when found them. After they wrapped up, we decided to head back to my car and load up on tracts. We only went a block or so before Ryan was in another one-2-two, so Dave stayed behind with him while the rest of us went to get the car. By the time we got back to Dave & Ryan, they were in each in another one-2-one. These guys were on fire! We ended up leaving them there downtown so that we four could get to the park and take advantage of the opportunity there.

We made a tract sweep and gave out between 300-400 [Ticket To Heaven](#) tracts at the event. Joey and Jordan were getting into it and it was a blessing to see some new laborers at work. We encountered quite a few people that were glad to see us out sharing the gospel and they encouraged us in our work. That doesn’t often happen but it’s such a blessing when it does.

I pulled out a stool and looked for a good place to preach open air, but their setup with the booths and ticketed entry area for the cook off didn’t really present a spot with good foot traffic. I did, however, pick up a one-2-seven with some teens (Jake, Ryan, Tonnie, Rachel, Skyler, Alex, & Matt). I showed them the [Curved Illusion](#) cards as an icebreaker and then asked if they’d do a street interview for our website. Six of them said they were Christian with one atheist. However, their talk and conduct just didn’t add up for a group of Christian youth. As I asked questions, it was like it is most of the time. They may go to church or know some of the Christian lingo, but they just aren’t fitting the pieces into a clear picture that makes sense. I swung into [The Good Person Test](#) and gave the gospel simply and clearly for them. It was interesting, as I was closing one of their friends came up to show them a live snake wrapped around her hand. I was able to keep most of their attention, but I couldn’t help thinking how literally the serpent had come in to try and distract them. In the end, they said the gospel made sense and they asked for my website address. Pray for these kids.

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

Pray for the seed that was sown and that Jesus’ receives the glory he is due.



**Left to Right: Dave, Jordan, Joey, Darrin, Ryan**

*The following comes from an email I received from Ryan regarding his experience on Saturday.*

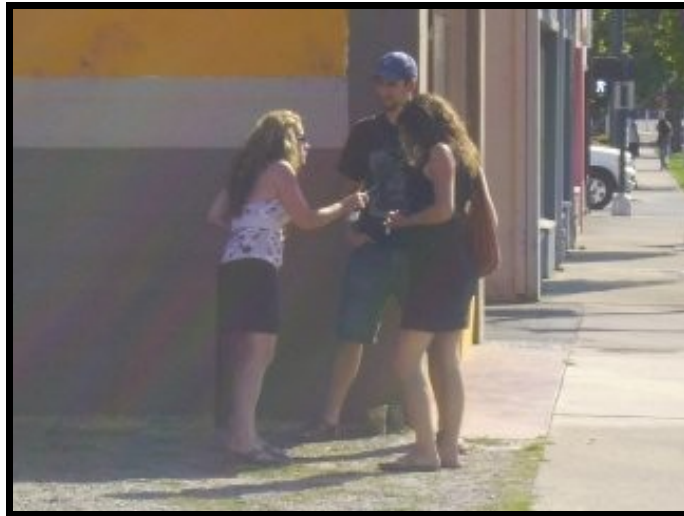
Pre-Game Story: Before I even headed out to meet you guys, I ran into my neighbor. He saw my Jesus shirt and asked about it. I didn't share what Jesus did for him. Can you imagine an easier witnessing encounter? The guy mentions Jesus, asks what religion I am, and I still didn't give him the gospel! I went in the house and Bre asked if I shared my faith with him. I copped an excuse that he caught me off guard. She said "Ryan, you have gospel tracts in your pocket." I laughed and replied, "I mean I didn't get to pray and spend time in the Word." She said "You mean like we just did this morning?" What I realized is that I was showing partiality. You see, I've worried in the past about this guy being a sexual predator towards my wife and kids. My desire for his salvation was small. If only I had the heart of God and could see this man as God saw Saul of Tarsus who was actually preying upon his bride and children. As I walked to meet you, I read from [The Way of the Master Minute](#). The first one I opened to (in the middle of the book) was titled "Caught Off Guard."

Game Time: I loved the preparation time. We huddled in prayer and turned to Jesus as we set ourselves to tell people about him. I was glad we split up. I could sense right off the bat that the first girl who got a tract felt mobbed by all six of us. As Dave, Jordan and I headed off in our group of three, it still wasn't what I was used to. All other witnessing I had ever done has been alone. I also never really used tracts before, so the first thing I was worried about was what to say when handing one out. I decided that "Have you seen these?" was my best bet for now. People usually responded with, "What is it?" Then I'd say, "It's a gospel tract." If they seemed willing to talk I would ask, "Ever think about what happens after you die?"

I learned quickly that people did not like the [Ticket To Heaven](#) tract when I handed it to them "Hell" side up. Imagine that! I decided to pay attention to which side was up as I gave them out, since it is Heaven I wish for them... hoping they will not go for the alternative.

I was sweating as we walked down the unshaded side of 6th Street. I'd just been rejected by an older couple, as I looked up and saw a couple of young girls walking away from Dave. One was ripping up a tract and saying "Oh, it's about God. Then -- (rip!) -- I guess I'm going to hell!" I thought, "This is going to be interesting." Though, I did not let myself get discouraged; instead, I remembered Jesus' promise that the world will hate us because they first hated him.

The first good witnessing encounter was with some highschoolers (my favorite). One of them was a girl named Sarah, who used to go to our church. I don't recall the names of the three boys. When one of the boys claimed to be a Christian, Dave walked him through the law and grace, clarifying the gospel and making sure the kid understood what he was claiming. I talked to Sarah a little and felt this was an appointment made by God to encourage the faith that she had. There was a few minutes when it felt as if I was almost open air preaching while the four of them listened. We got them thinking and the seed was planted.



**Ryan seeks to share the gospel on 6th Street.**

Later, I had another encounter with a few more highschool guys. Yippee! They were Billy, Junior and another kid who sat on the ground tearing up our tract. I started with the [Smart Card](#) as an icebreaker. Billy was the most talkative in the group. He had a lot of questions. Junior was skeptical. About ten minutes into the conversation Billy said, "Actually, I don't believe in God". He also claimed that his soul was of no importance to him. I reasoned with him on that one and he admitted that deep down, he really does care about his soul. I gave them some extra tracts. I also gave Billy a Bible. He said wouldn't read it, but we encouraged him to hang on to it and at least take it home.



**Ryan in a one-2-one with Jay.**

Jay and Keith were brothers. I handed Keith a [Ticket To Heaven](#) tract and he asked when I'd given it to him. I said, "It actually explains the gospel on both sides. See?" Keith was confident that he would go to heaven after he died. Jay stayed silent. As Dave engaged Keith with [The Good Person Test](#), I swung around to talk to Jay. He listened very intently and said it made sense. In the end he acknowledged his need to repent and trust Jesus.

That's it for the most part. I believe God was in this, with us, working and revealing himself through us. For his glory!

Blessings, Ryan.

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## Prayer Points:

- Pray for the salvation of false converts 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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