

## Evangelism Update 03-19-06

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### Note from Jim:

ABC's Nightline featured an expose on The Way of the Master on Friday night. Martin Bashir interviewed both Ray Comfort and Kirk Cameron. Bashir is the hard-hitting reporter who interviewed Princess Diana and conducted the 2003 interview with Michael Jackson. While the secular media naturally put their own spin on the expose, overall it went well and we can pray God will use this to further expose the lost to the light of His gospel.

- Click here to [watch the video](#) (approx ten minutes).
  - Click here to [read the article](#) on ABC's website.
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### Scripture of the Week:

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. (2nd Corinthians 5:18-20, NIV)

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### Quote of the Week:

"But Satan, the god of all dissension, stirreth up daily new sects, and last of all (which of all other I should never have foreseen or once suspected), he hath raised up a sect of such as teach that the Ten Commandments ought to be taken out of the church, and that men should not be terrified by the law, but gently exhorted by the preaching of the grace of Christ." (Martin Luther)

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### Evangelism Resource:



What can "just one person" do? Listen to this incredible true story of how God worked in a little place called George Street. This message should be daily required listening for encouragement.

### David Smethurst - I Got Off at George Street

- Click here to [play](#)
- Click here to [download](#)

(Worth the listen -- only 9 minutes.)

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### Questions & Objections:

Q. How do you know the Bible is accurate?

A. No one has yet been able to identify a single historical mistake anywhere in the Bible. If a man wrote it, we could certainly find historical errors after all these years – but there are none.

There have been over 25,000 archaeological finds relating to people, places and events in the Bible – and not one has contradicted anything in the Scriptures. Some books that delve further into this are:

- *New Evidence That Demands a Verdict* by Josh McDowell
- *The Case for Christ* by Lee Strobel
- *The Signature of God* by Grant Jeffrey

Sir William Ramsey, a renowned scholar of the late 19th century, was intent on discrediting the Gospels. His hostility carried him across the Mediterranean to that end. However, he was astonished to discover that his archaeological findings confirmed the full accuracy of the customs, locations, and the governing titles (e.g. “magistrates” Acts 16:35); “proconsul” Acts 18:12) the authors had mentioned, which varied widely from region to region. Ramsey concluded, “Great historians are the rarest of writers ... [I regard Luke] among the historians of the first rank.” (*St. Paul the Traveler and Roman Citizen* pp. 3-4, Grand Rapids Michigan: Baker Book House reprint; 1949 from 1894 lectures).

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### Weekly “Fishing” Update:

Wednesday morning, I was back at the DMV. It had been raining, so there were only three people waiting at the door. Since that would be a little odd for open air preaching, I opted to give them some [Million Dollar Bill](#) tracts. This helped break the ice with one of the men, and I got into a one-2-one with the others listening.

I found he was another Christian. When I asked what I'd need to know to get to Heaven, he answered that I'd need Jesus as my personal Savior. When I pressed a little he added that Jesus died on the cross to save me from my sins. This allowed me to walk him through the [Way of the Master](#) and then tell him about my street ministry and [GNN](#). I also gave him a card with my website and contact info on it. By the time we were done and the doors were opening, there was another eight or so people in line that got Millions before I left.

Saturday I was on my own. I did a loop of 6th Street giving out a number of the new [Smart Card](#) tracts. I then walked down to Riverside Park and found a number of people there. I got into a one-2-three with three guys that had been there playing frisbee golf (Drew, Will, & Grant). Part way into the conversation, Grant bailed into his car and raced off. (Conviction?) I continued talking with Drew and shared the gospel while Will quietly listened nearby. After that, I came across Josh hanging out at the park with a few other people. (I've witnessed to Josh a few times before.) He was playing a CD of some of the music he's been making, so I listened and talked with him for a bit. One part was really cool ... as he was playing one of the tracks he actually ad libbed some lyrics for me about sin, God, judgment and salvation. The others there got [Smart Cards](#) before I left. Heading out of the park, I came across another large group of people playing frisbee golf. There was around a dozen of them, probably in their teens or twenties. However, an opportunity didn't really present itself where I could approach them. I thought of maybe starting an open air where they were, but that didn't really fit either. Then I had an idea. I went up the steps onto the bridge where 6th Street crosses over the river. Their group was right below me. I pulled out a handful of [Million Dollar Bills](#) and dropped them over the side of the bridge. As I got further across, I stopped to look back and saw the group reading the back of the tracts or tucking them into their pockets.

Heading back up 6th Street I came across a young boy and girl I'd noticed back at the park (Don & Chantelle). I broke the ice with the [Curved Illusion](#) tracts and then asked if they'd do a little interview for my website. Their ages were 11 and 13 and they were sharp kids. They were very open and it was a great chance to share the

gospel.

I was wearing my **Name Ten Get \$20** shirt and as I headed back up 6th Street I actually had a family hunt me down to try the challenge. The mother (Laura) had tried it a couple of weeks ago. She only named four of the commandments then, so I'd given her a [Ten Commandments Coin](#) as a consolation prize. Apparently, she'd been studying them and watching for me. She named all ten this time! She got the \$20, but more importantly I was able to use this as a springboard into sharing gospel. After showing that she knew the commandments, we looked into the Mirror of the Law to see if she'd kept them. This showed her sin for what it was, leaving her guilty as she faced the Judge of the Universe. From there, I was able to point her to the cross and the good news of Christ's sacrifice. The whole time her kids were listening (they got [Curved Illusion](#) cards too). Laura also told me she'd been taking a Bible study with Jehovah's Witnesses. She and her husband left with a [Narnia Story](#) CD, Gospels of John and [Are You Good Enough to Go to Heaven?](#) tracts. I pray the light of truth has now been cast into what she's been learning with the Jehovah's Witnesses.

After giving out some more [Smart Cards](#). I wrapped up the night talking with Gary and some of his friends. Gary is the young Christian I've mentioned a few times. He's out on the streets quite frequently and has played his guitar in some impromptu worship sessions when we've come across him. One of his friends was another professing Christian, so I spent some time encouraging and sharing with them. I happened to have a couple of the new [How to Live Forever Without Being Religious](#) books in my bag, so I gave them each one. I ended up doing a few slight of hand tricks, since Gary's friends hadn't seen them, and this caught the attention of a man (Jeff) that had come out of the post office. I finished the tricks by showing him the [Curved Illusion](#) cards, which served as an ice breaker. Jeff goes to church here locally. He asked about my **Name Ten Get \$20** shirt so I shared a little with him about how I witness. I gave him a [Hell's Best Kept Secret](#) CD and we talked for quite a while after that.

Over all, it ended up being a longer night than usual. Still, I didn't want to end it until I had received everything the Lord was bringing across my path. It's such a privilege to labor alongside Him in the fields. Praise God that He includes us in this foolishness of preaching!

Pray for the seeds that were sown and that Jesus receives the glory He is due.

I've posted three new witnessing audios at our website. Click here and go to our [One-2-One Audios](#) page. The new ones to look for are:

- **Outside the DMV**  
Giving out Million Dollar Bills while waiting for the DMV doors to open lead to a chance to encourage and equip another Christian in sharing his faith.
- **Chantelle & Don**  
Don & Chantelle's ages were 11 and 13. They were very open and and a couple of sharp kids. This was a great chance to share the gospel.
- **Drew, Will & Grant**  
These three guys had been playing frisbee gold at the park. Part way into the conversation, Grant bailed into his car and raced off. (Conviction?) I continued talking with Drew shared the gospel while Will quietly listened nearby.

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### Prayer Points:

- Continue to pray for Patty (Greg's wife) as she continues a series of injections for chronic back pain and a spinal condition. Should the injections prove successful, she can greatly decrease the pain medications she's been on.
  - I'm working with another GNN Local Leader to organize a two day mini-EBC here in Southern Oregon in July. Please pray, if it is God's will, that we'll find blessing and favor in coordinating this event.
  - "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields." (Matthew 9:37-38, NLT)
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## Calendar:

- **Mini-EBC - Southern Oregon**  
Grants Pass, OR / July 21-23  
[Click here](#) for the event flyer.
- **Downtown Fishing Hole** (Recurring)  
Street witnessing each Saturday (3 pm to 5:30 pm) downtown along 6th Street. Meet in the Budget Internet parking lot (4th St & F St).
- **DMV O/A** (Recurring)  
Open Air preaching Wednesdays at 8:40 am to the people waiting for the DMV doors to open.

If you would like to join us, [click here](#) to send us your contact info.

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May Jesus receive the glory He is due!

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