



## Evangelism Update 03-25-07

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### Note from Jim:

Check out the webpage for eXtreme Evangelism '07 (see below). We've added some more details for the upcoming event.

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### Southern Oregon eXtreme Evangelism '07:



eXtreme Evangelism (XE) is like nothing you've seen before. Forget about dry lectures or workshops on witnessing. XE is a hands-on experience. This is your chance to face your fears and get on the frontlines for Jesus Christ. We'll put legs to The Way of the Master teaching. Prepare to be stretched, and learn how to share your faith both biblically and effectively. Come sharpen your sword and join us in the battle for souls!

[Click here](#) to go to the webpage for more details

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### Scripture of the Week:

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many. (Mark 10:45, NASB)

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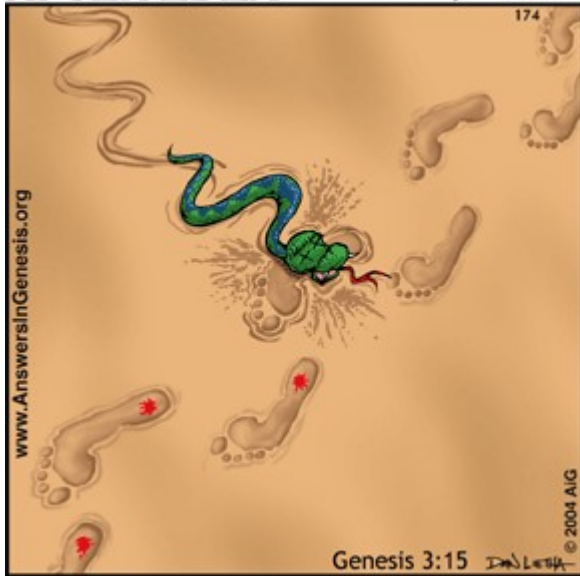
### Quote of the Week:

"Herein is the Law of God above all other laws, that it is a spiritual law. Other laws may forbid compassing and imagining, which are treason in the heart, but cannot take cognizance thereof, unless there be some overt act; but the Law of God takes notice of the iniquity regarded in the heart, though it go no further." (Matthew Henry)

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## AFTER EDEN

by Dan Lietha



### Saviour crossing

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#### Recommended Resource:

Here's a nice gospel presentation by Francis Chan.

[Just Stop and Think](#)

This 15-minute video could change a life. Find out more at his website.

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#### Questions & Objections:

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

**O.** Seeing is believing. If I can't see it, I don't believe it exists.

**A.** We believe in many things that we can't see. (See [Optical Illusions](#) tract) Ask a skeptic if he has ever seen the wind. Has he seen history? Has he ever seen his brain? We see the effects of the wind, but the wind is invisible. We have records of history, but it is by "faith" that we believe certain historical events happened. Television waves are invisible, but an antenna and a receiver can detect their presence. The unregenerate man likewise has a "receiver." However, the receiver (his spirit) is dead because of sin (Ephesians 2:1). He needs to be plugged into the life of God; then he will come alive and be aware of the invisible spiritual realm.

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#### Weekly "Fishing" Report:

Gail, David and I teamed up for street fishing on Saturday and found a large number of people gathered at Riverside Park. We prayed in the car, then loaded up with tracts and headed over to where the majority of people were gathered at the playground. There was probably 40 or 50 adults and teens there along with the kids. We passed out some tracts and had a couple of short conversations, then I found an open bench in a good spot to open air. I preached a ten minute gospel message covering sin, righteousness, judgment and the grace in Christ's sacrifice at the cross. Most of the crowd stayed where they could hear, and some actually drew in closer or sat down. Gail told me later that she'd noticed a couple of boys were heckling from the back of the

playground as I started, but they actually ended up moving up to the front where they listened closely through the rest of the message. Praise God!

[Click here](#) for the MP3 audio of the open air.

Afterwards, we fanned out to give out tracts and pick up one-2-ones. Gail got into a witnessing encounter with a group of teens and a lengthy one-2-one with an older gentleman after that. David did a loop through the park passing out tracts and said he had a few one-2-ones as well.



**Gail tests a couple of women with NZ Smartcards.**



**David shares a Million Dollar Bill with a young man.**

My most memorable encounter was a couple I came across down by the river: Brenda and Peter. They were watching their son Jacob feed the ducks and pigeons and I used some [Million Dollar Bill](#) tracts to break the ice. Brenda said they'd caught a little of my preaching, but she didn't really hear enough to know what think. They then both assured me I didn't need to "convert" them because he was born a Catholic and she'd gone to church and also read the Bible. I could tell things didn't match up with what they were saying, so I took it a little further. I told them some about our street ministry and how I'd come to Christ three years ago. I explained how it seems a lot of the churchgoers in Grants Pass have a few of the puzzle pieces, but they can't put them together to form a clear picture. They know something about God ... Jesus ... sin ... forgiveness ... God loves me ... but they can't bring them together in a logical way. I explained that when you put a jigsaw puzzle together the first thing you usually do is put the border together, from there the picture starts to fall into place. I then asked if I could share something with them and see if it made sense. Brenda asked if I wanted an honest opinion and I said sure. Peter moved off to the side a little, but where he could still hear.

I talked with Brenda for while, and started piecing the "border" for the puzzle pieces together. I walked her

through the [Good Person Test](#). When we got to judgment, she had some objections about a "loving God" sending anybody to hell. I pulled out my Bible and we looked it up in scripture (1 Cor 6:9-10, Rev 21:8, Matt 25:46). Her next smokescreen was over the different Bible translations, so I gave her some facts on the reliability of scripture. I then brought it back around to judgment and pointed out that God may be loving but He is also holy, righteous and just. She began to recognize her state before Him. We'd been talking for about 20 minutes when Peter let us know that Jacob was wanting to go over to the playground. Brenda said, "But ... you can't leave me here." She looked at me and I could tell she wanted to keep talking. I offered to follow them over to the playground if she wanted to talk some more and she readily agreed. She and I relocated to a bench over there and talked for another 20 minutes! Once again, Peter wasn't directly engaged but he sat near us where he could listen. Now that Brenda understood she'd stand before the judgment bar of God and make an account of her sin, I was able to give her the message of grace. I was able to share the pearl of the gospel with her. She had more questions and I took the time to answer them, but I made sure to bring it back to the cross -- repentance and faith. At one point, she even said "You're going to get me to go to church tomorrow."

Afterwards, Peter came over and thanked me for talking to her. He said she really needed to hear it. Brenda told me that there had been times Peter had actually cried while talking to her saying he really wanted to see her in Heaven, but she'd never get there the way she was heading. Since she was so inquisitive, I left Brenda with a [Scientific Facts in the Bible](#) booklet... but I also emphasized that we can feed our intellect all day long, however, eventually it comes to a point where we must get past our pride and turn to the Savior in a child-like faith. I said now it's between her and God, I'd shared what I could but it's now up to the Holy Spirit to make it real for her. She agreed what I'd told her at least made sense, and they both thanked me again before leaving.



**Gail in a one-2-one with an older gentleman.**



**These kids loved the Million Dollar Bill tracts.**

David and Gail were still occupied so I gave out a few more tracts, which lead me to a family that

was visiting from Portland. They read the back of the [Million Dollar Bill](#) and told me they appreciated that we were out there sharing our faith. I gave them a couple of [Hell's Best Kept Secret](#) CDs and told them more about what we were doing. They recognized Kirk Cameron's name and the [Way of the Master](#) and said they really liked what they'd seen. It was a great chance to equip some other Christians and be encouraged by them as well.

The three of us then headed back to the cars, where we closed in prayer. Thank you, Lord, for another chance to labor in the fields.

Pray for the seed that was sown and that Jesus may receive the honor He is due.

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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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### Prayer Points:

- Continue to pray for eXtreme Evangelism 2007 coming up in July.
  - "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest." (Matthew 9:37-38, NASB)
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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).

- **DMV O/A** (Recurring)  
*Wednesdays*  
Open Air preaching at 8:45am to the people waiting for the DMV doors to open.
- **Way of the Master Evangelism Training**  
*April 7th, 4pm - 8:30pm*  
Rivers of Life Foursquare Church - Youth Building, 450 SW "J" St, Grants Pass  
See the [flyer](#) for details.
- **Southern Oregon eXtreme Evangelism '07**  
*July 27-29*  
See the [webpage](#) for details.

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

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