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Note from Jim:

A few bullet points and reminders:

- I will be out of town June 23rd - July 1st for a family vacation. So I won't be leading the Grants Pass team in street fishing these next two weekends. If you need anything team related in my absence, email Greg Beals (2u4Him@gmail.com).
 - We're holding a Next Step Training in Central Point on July 14th. This training night is for those who have been through the One Day Training or are already familiar with the [Way of the Master](#) basics. Contact Greg or me for more details.
 - The registration deadline for [XE'07](#) is coming up July 7th.
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Scripture of the Week:

Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD?
And who may stand in His holy place?
He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
Who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood
And has not sworn deceitfully.
He shall receive a blessing from the LORD
And righteousness from the God of his salvation.
(Psalm 24:3-5, NASB)

Quote of the Week:

"I have but one passion: It is He, it is He alone. The world is the field and the field is the world; and henceforth that country shall be my home where I can be most used in winning souls for Christ." (Count Nicolaus Ludwn Zinzendorf)

AFTER EDEN

by Dan Lietha



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.

Registration Deadline July 7th.

Recommended Resource:

Independence Day (July 4th) is fast approaching. Many of us in the U.S. will be attending parades and other such events. Over the next few weeks I'm seeking to point you to sources for gospel tracts that tie in with the patriotic theme.

Here's a couple of options from Custom Tract Source:



[Freedom Cash](#)



[Freedom Post Cards](#)

Questions & Objections:

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

O. I don't mind going to hell. All my friends will be there.

A. Obviously, those who flippantly say such things don't believe in the biblical concept of hell. Their understanding of the nature of God is erroneous. The slow-witted criminal thinks that the electric chair is a place to put up his feet for a while and relax. It may be wise therefore to speak with him for a few moments about the reasonableness of a place called hell.

Reason with him by saying, "If a judge in Florida turns a blind eye to the un-lawful dealings of the Mafia, if he sees their murderous acts and deliberately turns the other way, is he a good or bad judge? He's obviously corrupt, and should be brought to justice him-self. If he is a good judge, he will do everything within his power to bring those murderers to justice. He should make sure that they are justly punished.

"If Almighty God sees a man rape and strangle to death your sister or mother, do you think He should look the other way, or bring that murderer to justice? If He looks the other way, He's corrupt and should be brought to justice Himself. It makes sense then, that if God is good, He will do everything in His power to ensure justice is done. The Bible tells us that He will punish murderers, and the place of punishment -- the prison God will send them to -- is a place called hell.

"God should punish murderers and rapists. However, God is so good, he will also punish thieves, liars, adulterers, fornicators, and blasphemers. He will even punish those who desired to murder and rape but never took the opportunity. He warns that if we hate someone, we commit murder in our hearts. If we lust, we commit adultery in the heart, etc."

Then take the time to tell him of the reality of hell. Sinners like to picture hell as a fun, hedonistic, pleasure-filled place where they can engage in all the sensual sins that are forbidden here. But Jesus said that it is a place of torment, where the worm never dies and the fire is never quenched (Matthew 9:45-47). We tend to forget what pain is like when we don't have it. Can you begin to imagine how terrible it would be to be in agony, with no hope of relief? Many human beings go insane if they are merely isolated for a long time from other people. Imagine

how terrible it would be if God merely withdrew all the things we hold so dear—friendship, love, color, light, peace, joy, laughter, and security. Hell isn't just a place with an absence of God's blessings, it is punishment for sin. It is literal torment, forever. That's why the Bible warns that it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

God has given His Law to convince men of their sins, and unless a sinner is convinced that he has sinned against God, he won't see that hell is his eternal destiny. He may consider it a fit place for others, but not for himself. That's why we mustn't hesitate to open up the Law and show that each individual is personally responsible for sin, and that God's wrath abides on him because of it. Ask him to consider why you would say such things to him if it wasn't true. Tell him to examine your motives. You are so concerned for his eternal welfare that you are prepared to risk offending him.

Then ask him if he would sell an eye for a million dollars. Would he sell both for ten million? No one in his right mind would. Our eyes are precious to us. How much more then is our eternal soul worth?

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:

Our regular trio got together for street fishing on Saturday. After prayer, we headed down 6th Street, passing out tracts on our way to Riverside Park. I showed the [Curved Illusion](#) cards to a family at the park and got to talking with the mother. When I told her the cards were a gospel tract, she said she recognized them from the TV program with Ray Comfort and Kirk Cameron. She was familiar with the [Way of the Master](#), so rather than it being a normal one-2-one I got to share with another Christian. She was really encouraged to see us out actively sharing our faith. I gave her my card and pointed her to our website for more information and resources. Praise God! Pray that he continues to raise up laborers.

After finishing a tract sweep around the playground, I met up with Darrin and David and they shared some encouraging news of their own. Darrin had shown the [Curved Illusion](#) cards to some kids down along the river and given a "What If?" tract to their mother. As they were leaving the mother actually followed them and asked for some more tracts to share with people. How cool! I love it when the fish end up fishing themselves.

The encounter that really stands out to me came right as we left the park to head back downtown. I met a young man named Kevin. I gave him a "[Do Not Read](#)" tract and he asked what it was. I answered that it had a gospel message on it and asked if he had a Christian background. He stopped and said "yes". It had to be a divine appointment. I was amazed at how ready he was to talk. Kevin told me he'd grown up going to church. His dad played in the worship band. However, when he was 16 his dad killed himself and he hadn't been back to church since then. I asked if he was angry with God. He said he wasn't, but that going to church reminded him too much of his dad. As we talked it was clear that Kevin was another example of someone going to church and getting some of the puzzle pieces, but they're not able to bring them together in a clear picture of the gospel. I took him through the [Good Person Test](#) and we looked at sin, righteousness and judgment. He said it made the cross make sense. A friend of his actually came to interrupt us at one point. The guy was rather rough looking, with his shirt open and a big marijuana leaf on his cap. However, Kevin just told his friend to head off and look him up later and he kept talking with me. As I said, I think God was doing something there and that I'd been able to give Kevin something he needed to hear right then. We wrapped up and I gave him a Gospel of John along with a pretty thorough tract to recap what we'd talked about. Now it's between him and God. May the Holy Spirit continue to work on Kevin and bring him to a full repentance and faith in Christ.

I caught up with the guys and we made another pass along 6th Street, where David picked up a one-2-one with a gentleman near the Dutch Bros coffee hut. (Unfortunately the batteries in my camera died, so I didn't get any pictures.) We finished up back at the park, and I had another chance to talk with the woman that was familiar with the [Way of the Master](#). She asked how it went that afternoon and I told her about the encounter with Kevin. She was thrilled to hear it.

Praise God! It's a blessing to labor in the fields with him. Pray for the seed that was sown.

Prayer Points:

- Pray for persecuted Christians around the world this week.
 - "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).
- **Way of the Master Next Step Training** (new)
July 14th, 4pm to 9pm
Sam's Valley Community Church, 12002 Duggan Rd, Central Point
- **Southern Oregon eXtreme Evangelism '07**
July 27-29
See the [webpage](#) for details.

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

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