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Note from Jim:

We'll be holding a Next Step Training at Sam's Valley Community church in Central Point this coming Saturday. This is a good follow-up to our Way of the Master evangelism training. If you'd like to join us, see our calendar or contact Greg or me for details.

Scripture of the Week:

"This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent." (John 17:3, NASB)

Quote of the Week:

"The Church exists for nothing else but to draw men into Christ, to make them little Christs. If they are not doing that, all the cathedrals, clergy, missions, sermons, even the Bible itself, are simply a waste of time. God became Man for no other purpose." (C. S. Lewis)

Recommended Resource:

Here is a PDF version of the book The Bible and Islam by Rev. Bassam Madany.



http://www.reformedevangelist.com/media/The_Bible_and_Islam.pdf

Share the link with anyone you might know is looking for resources on how to share the gospel with a Muslim. Visit Reverend Madany's website [here](#).



Questions & Objections:

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

Q. The Bible says 'God repented.' Doesn't that show He is capable of sin?

A. "Repent" means "to have a change of mind." When the Bible tells sinners to repent, it means to change their direction, to turn from their sins. God's "repenting" is when He turns away from His fierce anger toward sinners. He warns men of the consequences of their disobedience. If they repent (turn from their sins), He will "repent" by not pouring out His promised wrath on them. For instance, Jonah 3:8,9 says, "Let them turn every one from his evil way...Who can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not?" (See also Jeremiah 18:8.)

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:

OK, I've got a bit to catch up on here...

Our trip to Disneyland was fun and a much needed vacation for our family. I was able to pass out a number of tracts. The second day while waiting for Disneyland to open, we got to talking with the family in line behind us and found out they were missionaries (see pic below). They live and minister as Christians in Israel and were here in the U.S. on vacation. We swapped stories and encouraged each other. It was a sweet time of fellowship before the park opened.




Their ministry is Zeraphath Ministries (see 1 Kings 17). They primarily care for widows and orphans. It was really interesting to hear them comment from their point of the view on the problems we're aware of with the watered-down modern gospel. Renee (the mother/wife) told us how they see so many U.S. organizations report doing these "great things in the name of God" over there yet they never mention Jesus or the gospel of salvation.

Another observation that troubled Kelly and me was the overwhelming presence of death and occultic symbols we encountered at Disneyland. The missionary family remarked about the same thing. Shirts, bags and other

souvenirs with skulls and such were everywhere. Part of it was due to the popularity of the Pirates of the Caribbean movie and attraction, along with the Indiana Jones ride. However, the degree and sheer excessiveness of this presence was troubling for somewhere that's supposed to be for children and families. While shopping for shirts or jackets, my wife noticed one with Tinkerbell on it that was very feminine and "girly" looking and yet it had a very creepy looking skull worked into the swoops and design in the background. Why is that even necessary? Men, women, children were carrying or wearing this stuff all over the place in what's called the "happiest place on earth". Granted, they'll say it's just for fun or entertainment.

It made me think of this passage...

*For he who finds me finds life
And obtains favor from the LORD.
But he who sins against me injures himself;
All those who hate me love death.
(Proverbs 8:35-36, emphasis mine)*

Father, forgive them for they know not what they do. 

On July 4th, Greg lead a tract attack at the Central Point parade. (I thank God for you, bro!) Here's the note he sent me about it...

Well, Praise the Lord!

Cheri and Monica showed up and about a block into tracting, Marilee (who is our church's teen group) showed up so we had two people on each side of the street. We started at around 8:00 a.m. and finished around 12:30 p.m. We handed out 3,300+ tracts!!! The Parade keeps growing each year, so I'm thanking God for putting together a team for this 4th of July tract attack!

In Christ til the nets are full,

Greg

As for me... I gave out around 300 tracts at the Ashland parade. I had more tracts with me, but we were there with more of our family so I didn't push it beyond that. The culture and atmosphere in Ashland is so different: university party campus, plus very pagan and neo-hippie. Kelly pointed out that we didn't pray before showing up and starting to sow seed, and I noticed what she meant.

The parade had a strong pagan overtone to it: different troops of belly dancers, the Myth Makers, the gay pride group and several liberal or socialist interests. I curiously watched to see if there would be any church or Christian organization in the parade. The first religious group to show was a troop of Mormon missionaries in their white shirts and singing the national anthem. Next was a band from a Jewish synagogue. Later, I must admit I was thrilled to see a man dressed as Jesus and carrying a cross. The people with him carried signs saying "He died for our sins" and "There is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name ... by which we must be saved. (Acts 4:12)" At least there was a small light in the midst of the darkness!

Afterwards, we went to Lithia Park where they had a bunch of booths, exhibits crafts. etc. You could feel the pagan spirit of the place even more openly there. The Myth Makers troop had set up with their costumes, drumming, and dancing right next to the fountain in the square. A man and woman at a booth near the entrance to the park were calling out and offering a free copy of the metaphysical directory: psychics, energy healers, tarot, wicca and more. The jewish booth was right next to them. Shortly in from there was the gay pride booth on the left and the Mormon booth on the right, followed by the metaphysical library, and a buffet of liberal interest groups.

I was still passing out tracts. A woman actually came back to ask me about one she'd taken. She was a Christian and really glad to find us there. As she said, it felt like we were walking through Ephesus. She and her daughter were from out of town, and were visiting their friend who is very into the new age, crystals and healing. We talked for a few minutes, sharing some fellowship and encouraging each other. I gave her some tracts to share with others and my card. Kelly and I prayed for her that night, because we know what it can be like to have friends and family caught up in that seductive delusion.

Note: If you're coming to [XE'07](#), be ready for the battle when we hit Lithia Park and the streets of Ashland on that Sunday.

On Saturday, David and I did some street fishing at Riverside Park and downtown along 6th Street. My most memorable encounter was with Heather. You would've thought she was unapproachable, or the last person that would talk with you about the things of God. She's was 18 and dressed in typical gothic garb: layers of black, fingerless gloves, and a wiccan pentacle hanging around her neck. She was sketching in an artist's pad as we passed and I caught a glimpse of the blindfolded skull that she was drawing. David and I kept walking, but I felt the tug of the Spirit to stop and talk with her. I told her I was doing some street interviews on what people thought of the afterlife, spirituality and the differing views of what happens after we die. She said she'd love to talk about such a hot-button topic, so I sat next to her on the bench and began what turned into an hour-long one-2-one. It was a great witnessing encounter. Her father is an anarchist, but the rest of her family is apparently Episcopalian. She actually commented that one regret was not looking further into Christianity to at least know what it was about. I walked her through sin, righteousness, judgment and grace -- clearly painting a picture of the gospel so she could understand Christianity and recognize the difference between it and all the other world religions. She was very engaged in the conversation, and presented some good questions and objections. In the end, she wasn't ready to surrender to Christ but I'd given her quite a bit to think about. I left her with a Gospel of John and a very thorough tract to recap our conversation. Please pray for Heather, and that the Holy Spirit will continue to lead her to the cross.

Pray for all the other seed that was sown, and that Jesus will receive the honor he is due.

Prayer Points:

- Pray for the Way of the Master 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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