

Evangelism Update 07-16-06

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Note from Jim:

PREACH FROM THIS PLATFORM



And God Will Give You Souls

Scripture of the Week:

And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death. (Revelation 12:11, NASB)

Quote of the Week:

"Not called!" did you say? Not heard the call, I think you should say. Put your ear down to the Bible, and hear Him bid you go and pull sinners out of the fire of sin. Put your ear down to the burdened, agonized heart of

humanity, and listen to its pitiful wail for help. Go stand by the gates of hell, and hear the damned entreat you to go to their father's house and bid their brothers and sisters and servants and masters not to come there. Then look Christ in the face -- whose mercy you have professed to obey -- and tell Him whether you will join heart and soul and body and circumstances in the march to publish His mercy to the world." (William Booth)

Evangelism Resource:

A brother in GNN has put together a compilation from a powerful sermon by Paul Washer. This is something not only for each of us to listen to, but then something to share with professing Christians amongst our friends and family.

Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! (2 Corinthians 13:5a, NASB)

Click here to download [Know You Are Saved](#).

Questions & Objections:

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

Q. "Christianity oppresses women by making them submit to their husbands!"

A. The Bible does say, "Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands, as to the Lord," but it also instructs, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it" (Ephesians 5:22,25). A man who under-stands that Jesus Christ sacrificed His life's blood for the Church will likewise love his wife sacrificially and passionately. He will honor her, respect her, protect her, love, and cherish her as much as he does his own body, as he is instructed to do (Ephesians 5:28). He will never say or do anything to harm or demean her. It is in this atmosphere of love and security that a godly wife willingly submits herself to the protective arms of her husband. She does this not because he is better than she is, but simply because this is God's order for His creation.

A godless world rejects the God-given formula to make marriage work. It thinks it knows best, and suffers the heartbreaking consequences of destroyed marriages and ruined lives. The Christian ideal of marriage is not one of an authoritarian and chauvinistic male holding his cringing wife in submission like an obedient dog. It's the very opposite. While most of the great religions treat women as inferior to men, the Bible gives them a place of dignity, honor, and unspeakable worth, expressed so evidently in Proverbs 31.

Weekly "Fishing" Update:

There's been quite a buzz in our small city these past few days. The notorious Larry Lacey opened a strip club in neighboring Sunny Valley a year or two ago. Now, Lacey is trying to open a strip club in the heart of downtown Grants Pass (above the Hunan Garden on 5th & G Streets). He's playing the "scoundrel" to get all the publicity (even bad) that he can. It's become a circus that has the city's attention.

I noticed flyers going up downtown calling for Christians to meet at that corner on Friday night at 8pm to pray. My wife and I had another engagement, so I figured I couldn't be there. However, those plans fell through at the last minute and the door was open. Around 8pm there were only a dozen or so people there, but others continued to arrive until the ranks numbered around 40. For the most part, they walked around the building praying and singing. Other groups of people began to gather across the two streets to watch and see what was going on. There were also reporters and photographers there to cover the event.

Not long into things, we had some young people show up with hand-made cardboard signs saying things like "Honk if Horny" or "Support Our Strippers". I got restless, figuring that would be what got attention and made it into the paper. I stopped to say a prayer, climbed up on a planter and began to open air. As I presented the

mirror of the law and got to the 7th commandment, I pointed to the 2nd floor where the strip club would be and hit hard on lust. I preached for about 20 minutes, with a solid message of sin, righteousness, judgment, and grace. The acoustics with the buildings around me were great. Drivers were even stopping their cars in the streets and rolling down their windows to listen.

Afterwards the church folk were really excited. Several came up to hug me or shake my hand, thanking me for preaching. One lady said she'd just heard John the Baptist in the modern day. (I wouldn't go that far. Besides, it was all God and I told her to give Him the praise.) After we closed the night in prayer most everyone got [Not My Job](#) bookmarks. I also gave out a number of Fishing Team Flyers and a couple of people asked when our team goes out. Praise God!

The photographers were active taking pictures. It made the weekend edition of the paper with a big, full-color photo of the open air in the first section (page 6A). Under that is a caption: *Jim Jones of Life & Death Ministries, center, leads a short sermon in front of the building that Larry Lacey recently purchased on 5th and G streets.* It's not a big deal that it mentions me, but that it mentions the ministry and shows that Christians are actively taking the gospel to the streets. **This was all a God thing. Praise Him for it!**



What's really amazing is included a photo of the "Support Our Strippers" girl, and yet it is maybe a quarter of the size of the picture where the gospel's being preached. The article itself is mostly opinions, tidbits and other data about Larry Lacey and the fiasco surrounding the opening of the club ... no gospel (no surprise). Still, the photo and the mention is great. Christians, pastors and other church folk will be seeing this and know that we're out there. Pray God will use this exposure and lead people to our local ministry and in turn the Way of the Master and the Great News Network to encourage and equip them in spreading the gospel.

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Here's a few other pictures...



The full team was together on Saturday as we headed to Riverside Park. Greg preached his first open air. I thank God for our brother. One of the men that was listening is related to the youth pastor Applegate Community Church. He encouraged us and took my card and some material to share at their church. We then fanned out for some one-2-ones. Randy & I were wearing our **Name Ten Get \$20** shirts, and used that as an icebreaker. Some were obvious divine appointments... those neat encounters where they say things like "Wow! We were just talking about this." Praise God! It was a great afternoon laboring in the fields.



I've uploaded the MP3s to our website. Click here to go to our [audios page](#) and listen to them. Here's the new ones to look for.

- **Greg's First Open Air**

Greg & I did a tag-team. I gathered the people and Greg then delivered an honest and heart-felt gospel

message.

- **Nate & Christine**

This couple tried the Name Ten Get \$20 challenge. When Randy shifted into the Good Person Test and the gospel, they revealed this was a divine appointment. The two of them had just been talking over such things and thinking about going to church with their family the next morning. (*Note: There's some background noise in this audio as someone seems to tap something on the table now and then, but it's a good encounter and worth listening to.*)

- **Jordan & Bridgette**

Another divine appointment, where they had recently been talking about spiritual matters. Greg started by giving Jordan the Name Ten Get \$20 challenge and then handed the encounter off to me. We got to clarify the gospel and fit some of the puzzle pieces together for them.

- **Cleveland, Rob & Sherry**

Randy & Terri had the chance to encourage this group in true repentance and trusting the Savior.

Pray for the seed that was sown and that Jesus receives the glory He is due!

Prayer Points:

- **Please be in prayer for the mini-EBC this coming weekend (July 21st-23rd).**
 - Randy & Terri will be traveling to Puerto Rico. Pray that their trip is a safe one and that God may use them to share the gospel while they're there.
 - "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.
- **[Mini-EBC - Southern Oregon Seed Sowing](#)**
Grants Pass, OR / July 21-23
Our first mini Evangelism Boot Camp. We'll be taking the Gospel to the Jackson County Fair, Ashland, and the streets of Grants Pass.
- **[Seed Sowing at Back to the 50's Summer Celebration](#)**
Grants Pass, OR / July 28-29
Last year there were hundreds, if not thousands, of people along 6th St for the Friday night parade. Saturday downtown and at the park should be good "fishing" too.
- **(New) Concert in the Park**
Grants Pass, OR / August 1
Terri will be the first contemporary Christian artist asked to perform in this concert series at Riverside Park. It's a wonderful opportunity to encourage a teammate and "fish" amongst the crowd that gathers.
- **[Seed Sowing at Josephine County Fair](#)**
Grants Pass, OR / August 19
We gave out 800 tracts along with doing one-2-ones within just three or four hours last year.
- **Seed Sowing at Asian Cultural Festival**
Grants Pass, OR / September 9
We'll hit the park and "fish" amongst the people this will draw on Saturday. We may even get to witness to Buddhists.
- **[Seed Sowing at Art Along the Rogue](#)**
Grants Pass, OR / October 7

Last year I was able to open air preach to about 300-400 people. Big time fishing opportunity right there are 6th & H St.

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!

'til the nets are full...

Jim Jones

"Sin and hell are married unless repentance proclaims the divorce." - Charles Spurgeon

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