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## Evangelism Update 07-22-07

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### Note from Jim:

Please be in prayer for eXtreme Evangelism 2007 here in Southern Oregon this Friday - Sunday. We'll be taking the gospel to the Back to the 50's celebration here in Grants Pass the first two days and then Ashland on Sunday.



Pray for safe travel for those attending (some are coming from out of state). Pray for God's favor and and blessing on the event, last year we encountered strong spiritual opposition ... particularly as we prepared to go to the neo-pagan haven of Ashland. Pray that we'll be open to our Lord's will and direction. Pray that hearts will be softened and ears opened to receive the gospel of salvation. Above all, pray that Jesus is glorified in what we say and do this weekend.

I thank God for you.

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**Scripture of the Week:**

Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil. (Ephesians 5:15-16, NASB)

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**Quote of the Week:**

"It is the duty of every Christian to be Christ to his neighbor." (Martin Luther)

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**Recommended Resource:**



A HistoryMaker is a laborer. Your task is to finish the work of taking the gospel to a lost and dying world. It begins right where you are; in your family, with your neighbors, among your friends. It may be mean crossing the street, it could mean crossing the ocean... where 2.5 billion people remain basically unreached by the gospel. Either way, you have to GO! Click the link below and let this video challenge and encourage you to get involved. "Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest" (John 4:35b).

[HistoryMakers](#)

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**Questions & Objections:**

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

**Q.** Who made God?

**A.** To one who examines the evidence, there can be no doubt that God exists. Every building has a builder. Everything made has a maker. The fact of the existence of the Creator is axiomatic (self-evident). That's why the Bible says, "The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God'" (Psalm 14:1). The professing atheist denies the common sense given to him by God, and defends his belief by thinking that the question "Who made God?" can't be answered. This, he thinks, gives him license to deny the existence of God.

The question of who made God can be answered by simply looking at space and asking, "Does space have an end?" Obviously, it doesn't. If there is a brick wall with "The End" written on it, the question arises, "What is behind the brick wall?" Strain the mind though it may, we have to believe (have faith) that space has no beginning and no end. The same applies with God. He has no beginning and no end. He is eternal.

The Bible also informs us that time is a dimension that God created, into which man was subjected. It even tells us that one day time will no longer exist. That will be called "eternity." God Himself dwells outside of the dimension He created (2 Timothy 1:9, Titus 1:2). He dwells in eternity and is not subject to time. God spoke history before it came into being. He can move through time as a man flips through a history book.

Because we live in the dimension of time, logic and reason demand that everything must have a beginning and an end. We can understand the concept of God's eternal nature the same way we understand the concept of space having no beginning and end -- by faith. We simply have to believe they are so, even though such thoughts put a strain on our distinctly insufficient cerebrums.

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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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### Weekly "Fishing" Report:

David and I hit the streets on Saturday, taking our usual route with a couple of loops of 6th Street and a pass through Riverside Park. Between the two of us, we gave out around 150 tracts (several were the [Ticket to Heaven](#) or the [Do Not Read This Card](#) tracts). We picked a couple of witnessing encounters at the park. David talked with two girls, and I got into a one-2-one with a young man named Eric. Eric was 18 and really had no spiritual base or thoughts on what happened after death. He said anything was possible but there was no way to be sure. I told him that around three years ago I came across something that helped put the puzzle pieces together for me and offered to share it with him. I took him through [The Good Person Test](#) and the biblical gospel of sin, righteousness, judgment and grace. His friend showed up shortly after we'd gotten to Christ's death on the cross and we ended there. We'd touched on repentance and faith so it was a good stopping place. I left Eric with a Gospel of John and a tract to recap what we'd talked about.

One really neat thing happened as we were heading back up 6th Street. A couple of guys were cutting across the 7-11 parking lot and one was flagging us down and calling "hey!" to get us to stop. He said David had given him a tract earlier, and he'd in turn given it to someone else so he wanted another one. It was really cool. The looked like typical street punks with their open shirts and baggy pants, but this guy seriously wanted another tract. They didn't stop to talk and headed across the street, but he had the gospel in hand and was reading the tract as he left.

Please pray for the seed that was sown. May Jesus receive the honor he is due!

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#### Prayer Points:

- Pray for the salvation of false converts this week.
  - Pray for the seed sowers that will be attending [eXtreme Evangelism 2007](#).
  - "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).
- **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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