

## Evangelism Update 07-30-06

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### Note from Jim:

This is a reminder about the concert in Riverside Park this Tuesday (8/1) at 7pm. [Terri](#), one of our Seed Sowers, will be the first contemporary Christian artist asked to perform in this concert series. Come and join us. This will be a wonderful opportunity to encourage a teammate and "fish" amongst the crowd that gathers.

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### Scripture of the Week:

"I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that have no more that they can do. But I will warn you whom to fear: fear the One who, after He has killed, has authority to cast into hell; yes, I tell you, fear Him!" (Luke 12:4-5, NASB)

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### Quote of the Week:

"I think a good rule of thumb to follow would be to presume the Lord wants you to share the Gospel with everyone unless He leads you not to." (Danny Lehmann, YWAM)

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### Evangelism Resource:

Living Waters is releasing a new [Billion Dollar Bill](#) gospel tract.



*This tract has the Gospel message written around the border on the back of the bill.*

The billion dollar question: Will you go to Heaven? Here's a quick test. Have you ever told a lie, stolen anything, or used God's name in vain? Jesus said, "Whoever looks upon a woman to lust after her has committed adultery already with her in his heart." Have you looked with lust? Will you be guilty on Judgment Day? If you have done those things God sees you as a lying, thieving, blasphemous, adulterer at heart. The Bible warns that if you are guilty you will end up in Hell. That's not God's will. He sent His Son to suffer and die on the cross for you. Jesus took your punishment upon Himself - "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." Then He rose from the dead and defeated death. Please, repent (turn from sin) today and trust in Jesus, and God will grant you everlasting life. Then read your Bible daily and obey it.

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## Questions & Objections:

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

**O.** God made me like this. Sin is His fault!

**A.** If this won't work in a civil court, it certainly won't work on Judgment Day. Even with an expert defense lawyer, it would take a pretty inept judge to fall for the old "God made me do it" defense. We are responsible moral agents. The "buck" stopped at Adam. He tried to blame both God and Eve for his sin; Eve blamed the serpent. It is human nature to try, but it doesn't work with God.

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## Weekly "Fishing" Update:

This was the weekend for the annual [Back the to 50s Summer Celebration](#) here in Grants Pass.

Friday night, my seven-year-old daughter (Holly) joined me for some seed sowing at the classic car show and concert at 6th & G Streets. It was a wonderful experience to watch as God developed this bold little seed sower. Between the two of us, we gave out 400 [Million Dollar Bills](#). We also came across a Christian brother that was encouraged to see us out there. He asked if he could have some tracts to pass out, so we hooked him up with his own pack of Millions.

Our full team was together on Saturday. Randy also had a friend join us for some "fishing" at Riverside Park. The big *Back to the 50s* event was just wrapping up as we arrived. We fanned out to take advantage of the number of people that were still there. Randy was wearing his **Name Ten Get \$20** shirt which lead him and Terri into some one-2-ones. Greg started off passing out tracts while I preached open air to a good crowd at the playground area, giving them the full count of the gospel.

I've uploaded the MP3 from the open air to our website. You can find and listen to it on our [audios page](#).

I later found Greg in a one-2-one with an older gentleman that owned one of the cars in the show. Greg gave him a Million and Bill traded one of his tracts with us. He was a Christian, but kept wanting to steer the conversation into his KJV-only stance and opinions about eternal security. In the end, we felt confident that each of us knew and trusted the Savior and we just agreed to disagree on the non-essentials.

Randy & Terri had perhaps the most unique encounter that afternoon. They came across a man that looked like he'd walked right out of the Old Testament. He wore a robe with a leather belt, a cloth or blanket draped over his shoulder, sandals, and something like a turban around his head. A walking stick or staff leaned against the table next to him. His name is Eli, and contrary to what one may think he wasn't some "nut" or vagrant. He was very intelligent, in fact he had been translating the Psalms from Hebrew before Randy & Terri started talking with him. He's simply an eccentric. As with Bill, there were some differences in what Eli and I believed. For example, this was the first time in our street witnessing that I've encountered someone who believes in annihilation rather than eternal punishment in hell. However, the core seemed to be there. Eli fully believes in the atoning death of the Messiah.

Randy offered Eli the **Name Ten Get \$20** challenge, and as we should've expected Eli named all Ten Commandments in order and he even offered a little commentary on some of them. Afterwards, we loaded him up with some different tracts and I gave him a [Miracle in the Making](#) book. It's an encounter I won't soon forget. One of the blessings of laboring in the field is the people you meet and the stories you get to share.

I've uploaded the MP3 of the witnessing encounter with Eli. You can find and listen to it on our [audios page](#).



**Randy & Terri talking with Eli.**

We finished up at the park a little before 6pm. The others had prior plans, but I headed down town to make a tract attack on the crowd that was gathering for the *Back to the 50s* Classic Car Cruise. Both sides of 6th were packed from B St down to L St. The crowd was even larger than last year. I passed out **1,200 [Million Dollar Bills](#)** in under an hour and didn't even make it all the way down one side of 6th. Providing our Lord tarries, next year we'll have to make the Car Cruise a team effort and pack about 5,000 tracts! This is perhaps the biggest seed sowing opportunity in Grants Pass.

On the way back to my car, I met Eli again and we talked for another half-hour. As I mentioned, there were some points we differed on though I found we had common ground on things like infallibility of scripture, the Trinity, the virgin birth and deity of Christ, His atoning death, etc. It was obvious God had put two similar encounters across our paths that day with Bill and Eli. I ask that the Holy Spirit will better reveal what He's trying to show me in these.

Pray for the seed that was sown. May our Lord receive the glory.

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#### **Prayer Points:**

- Pray for God's favor and blessing on Terri's concert at the park this Tuesday, as well as the seed we'll be sowing amongst those who will be 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.
- **[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!

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### **Jim Jones**

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

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