



## Evangelism Update 10-15-06

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### Note from Jim:

Two notes regarding our upcoming calendar:

1. The *Transformed* event is coming up in Sacramento next weekend, so the team will not be meeting on the 21st.
  2. Opening night of the *Rocky Horror Picture Show* has been moved to 27th, so we'll be meeting for street fishing on Friday night that weekend rather than our usual Saturday. (This will also give Kelly and I that Saturday to celebrate our 10th anniversary.)
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### Scripture of the Week:

I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ. (Philemon 1:6, NIV)

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### Quote of the Week:

"Ignorance of the nature and design of the Law is at the bottom of most religious mistakes." (John Newton, who wrote "Amazing Grace")

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### Evangelism Resource:



Here's a good online flash presentation based on a popular gospel tract.

<http://www.lifeanddeathmin.com/yourlife.htm>

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### Questions & Objections:

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

**Q.** Isn't it blasphemous to call the Bible "God's Word" when it makes Him look so bad?

**A.** I am going to tell you some things about my father that will make him look bad. He regularly left my mother to fend for herself. I was once horrified to hear that he deliberately killed a helpless animal. Not only that, but he hit me (often). Here's the information that's missing: The reason he left my mom during the day was to work to earn money to take care of her and their children. He killed the animal because it had been run over by a car and was suffering. He regularly chastened me because he loved me enough to teach me right from wrong (I was a brat). Portions of the Bible that "make God look bad" merely reveal that we lack understanding. I never once questioned my dad's integrity, because I trusted him (see Mark 10:15).

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### Weekly "Fishing" Report:

Randy, Terri and I headed to Medford on Saturday. Greg hasn't been able to join us for street witnessing in a while, so we were looking forward to some "fishing" with him at Hawthorne Park. However, the primary focus for our trip was coming together to pray with Greg's wife Patti. She's facing the second biopsy for a lump on her throat.

We had a warm welcome when we got to the park. As we were getting out of the are, the two of them held up a new "Good Person Test" banner. Now we just need to organize an event or booth to put it to good use. After some brief introductions and fellowship, we gathered around Patti to lay hands on her and spent some earnest time in prayer. It was a touching time, and I ask that you continue to keep them in prayer.



**Greg and Patti**

Afterwards, we spent an hour or so sharing the gospel via tracts and one-2-ones in the park.

We came across a group of street people gathered around some benches. As I broke the ice with some [Curved](#)

Illusion cards, some of the others also gave out a few Million Dollar Bills. I got to talk with one of the men that told us he really liked gospel tracts. He said he was a believer and that he'd keep the tracts he got so he could give them to other people. I wanted to get a feel for his faith, so I asked him "If you were to die and stand before God, and He asks you why He should let you into heaven, what would you say?" He gave me a level look and said, "I know exactly what I'd say. That it's not because of anything that I've done. It's only because I'm under the blood of my Savior." I was amazed. I have rarely gotten that straightforward or clear of an answer from the "clean-cut" folk that I meet or talk to. I shook his hand, and we gave him a few more tracts to share with others that he gets to talk to.

Meanwhile, Terri had struck up a one-2-one with a homeless woman named Nanci. She had been an RN for 18 years, but alcoholism had put her on the streets. Nanci was a bit confrontational as Terri started taking her through the Good Person Test. Nanci's primary objection was that she knew she was a good person, because her kids were doing really well. She said that's all she cared about. Terri then asked "Don't you care about yourself? Don't you care about your very soul?" Then she got bold and asked Nanci what if she die tonight? Terri gave an example, asking what if someone came and stuck a knife in her back? Where did she think she'd go: Heaven or Hell? Terri says Nanci got this shocked look on her face as she considered that real possibility in living on the street ... but then Nanci said that she would go to Heaven. Terri asked why, and Nanci gave the all-too-common answer ... "because I've done alot of good things." Terri explained you can't get to heaven because of your works, so no man can boast; salvation is a free gift you can't earn. We are all guilty in our sins, that's why Jesus died and shed His blood for us. It's amazing. Nanci went from snarling at the start, to thanking Terri and saying over and over how grateful she was to meet her. Terri tells me she stuck with the conversation only through a persistence granted by the Holy Spirit. Eternity is merely one heartbeat away for each of us. How much more so for a woman living on the streets? Today is the day of salvation. Praise God for divine appointments like this!



**We have the banner. Now to find somewhere to use it.**

Later, I came across a group of four hard-looking teens playing cards at a table. Body piercings were obvious, and some of them had pentagrams and other symbols drawn on their arms. I couldn't help it, I strode right up and asked if they'd like to do a street interview for my website. They shrugged and nodded, so I turned on the recorder and went for it. I asked what was most important to them in life right then, and then what would be most important to them on the day they died. I asked what they thought happened after death, and from there we swung into talking about eternity and judgment, sin and righteousness ... and the need for a Savior. It was interesting to once again watch the Holy Spirit at work. The sassiest, smart-mouthed girl in the group ended up being the one that actually kept the conversation going. The one you would've thought would shut the whole thing down actually helped me carry through to share the full message of salvation. It was purely a God thing. She started out saying saying you get eaten by maggots after you die and ended up being the one trying to piece together how God's forgiveness fits into judgment and eternity. Afterwards, they all took tracts. In fact, another girl had come and sat at the table towards the end and she asked for some extra ones to give to her

boyfriend.

As we were walking away, Greg commented on how amazing it is to see God just step in for a few minutes and enter the lives of people like this. Amen and praise Him for it!

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

Pray for the seed that was sown and that Jesus is glorified through it.

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### Prayer Points:

- Continue to pray for Greg's wife Patti.
  - Pray for our safe travel to and from Sacramento. Also pray for the Holy Spirit's power in the messages that are delivered at Transformed, as well as the seed that will be sown on the streets.
  - "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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### Basic Training Course:



We would be glad to host the eight-session *Way of the Master* Basic Training Course for your church or small group. It's an excellent resource to equip Christians to share their faith simply, effectively; the way Jesus did! All we would need is an investment of your people's time. There is no financial commitment required from you or the church. We just want to help believers overcome their fears and do what our Lord asked us to do; seek and save that which is lost!

More info on the Basic Training Course: <http://www.wayofthemaster.com/btc/>

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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.
- **We won't be meeting on October 21st, since some of us will be at the *Transformed* event.**
- **Seed Sowing at Rocky Horror Picture Show**  
*Grants Pass, OR / October 27 (7pm - Rogue Theater)*  
The 500 seats are expected to be sold-out for this raunchy, worldly, cross-dressing feature. After our usual street fishing time, we'll regroup for some solid prayer and head over to be outside as people begin to arrive.

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



A **free** one-day event in Sacramento (CA) on October 21st.

Guest Speakers:

- Ray Comfort ([Way of the Master](#))
- Emeal "E.Z." Zwayne ([Living Waters Publications](#))
- Todd Friel ([Way of the Master Radio](#))

Click the link below for details or to register on-line.

[http://www.wayofthemasterradio.com/transformed\\_signup.shtml](http://www.wayofthemasterradio.com/transformed_signup.shtml)

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