

Easter Outreach

Evangelism Training Session

Go into all the world...



A class for those whose mouths get dry, brains get numb, and hearts race wildly at the prospect of sharing their Faith...

By the way – This includes every Christian I Know - Including your Pastor and Teachers ☺

Humbly Presented by Dave Kahus & Joe Slobig

*'The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life,
and he who wins souls is wise.'
Proverbs 11:30*

Session Schedule

0900-0910: Introductions and Opening Prayer

0910-0950: Slide Show and Discussion

0950-1030: Training Film 'Hells Best Kept Secret'

1030-1045: Break

1030-1100: Resume Slide Show and Discussion

1100-1130: Training Film 'Way of the Master'

1130-1200: Interactive Role Playing

1200... : Closing Prayer & Song

Note: Dave and I will gladly stay after class to answer questions

*'The word of the Lord has brought me insult and reproach all day long.
But if I say, "I will not mention him or speak any more in his name"
His word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones.
I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot.'* Jer 20:9



One of the first social graces we are taught by our Mother's is that '*Sharing is Caring*'. We are by nature selfish and covetous with those things that are valuable to us. But that was the '*Old*' us; we are now '*New*' creations in Christ and should be anxious to share our most important possessions; *Our Faith, Our Testimony*, and the reason for *Our Hope* - The Gospel of Jesus Christ...



*You're traveling through another dimension.
A dimension, not only of sight and sound, but of mind.
A journey into a wondrous land whose boundaries
are that of imagination.*

Next stop, the 'Evangelism Zone'...

*Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
Proverbs 31:30*

Qwik Quiz #1



How Do We Know
There was a
Painter?

Because the 'Painting' is evidence there is a 'Painter'.


Isaiah said, "*Come let us reason together*" and Paul as he was sharing the Gospel with Festus told him, "*What I am telling you most excellent Festus, is true and reasonable.*" God is not a God of chaos, but a God of order and reason. When we share the Gospel we are not peddling a message that can only be received or accepted by 'blind faith', but a reasonable 'Plan of Salvation' provided by a *Circumspect* and *Judicious* God who Loves us and who spoke an ordered Universe into existence with a *Word*..

When challenged, we should not be afraid to use reason and logic to confirm and validate the reasonableness of Scripture. For instance, if someone challenges the Godhead (Trinity) by saying $1+1+1=3$ Gods, lovingly respond with, 'Yes, but using *'higher'* math, $1 \times 1 \times 1 = 1$ God' ☺

If someone tells you something to the effect of, 'I'm going to heaven because God is good and forgiving and He will overlook my sins'. Ask them, 'If someone was apprehended in the act of beating and robbing you' and the judge at his trial said, "Yes you're clearly guilty but I'm going to overlook your transgression and set you free", what kind of a judge would you think him to be? Certainly neither good or righteous, right? It is because God is both a *Righteous* and *Holy* Judge that He cannot overlook our sin...There must be a payment!

**'Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens,
so that we may make a name for ourselves...'
Genesis 11:4**

Qwik Quiz #2



**How Can we know
There was a
Builder?**

Because the 'Building' is evidence there was a 'Builder'.

Our object in sharing our Faith is not to trick or confuse anyone. Our eyes and heart must see the person we are talking to just as Jesus lovingly sees them; perishing in their sin, lost, and in need of a Savior. Remember, we are not out to *win arguments*, but to *win souls*...Our *passionate desire* must be, that not one precious drop of our beloved Savior's Blood is wasted! And it is His Perfect Love that must flow through us, unhindered, or we labor in vain...

*If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love,
I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.*

*If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a
faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.*

*If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames,
but have not love, I gain nothing.*

1Corinthians 13:1-3

**The Heavens declare the Glory of God
The skies proclaim the work of His hands...
Psalm 19:1**

Qwik Quiz #3



**Now class ...
How can we know
know there is a
'Creator'**

Because 'Creation' is evidence of a 'Creator'

Everything made must have a maker. To deny this is to go into an *'intellectual free'* zone and it exposes the person who does so as one who is not looking for the *Truth*, but an argument. The Bible tells us in Romans 1:19-20

"...since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse."

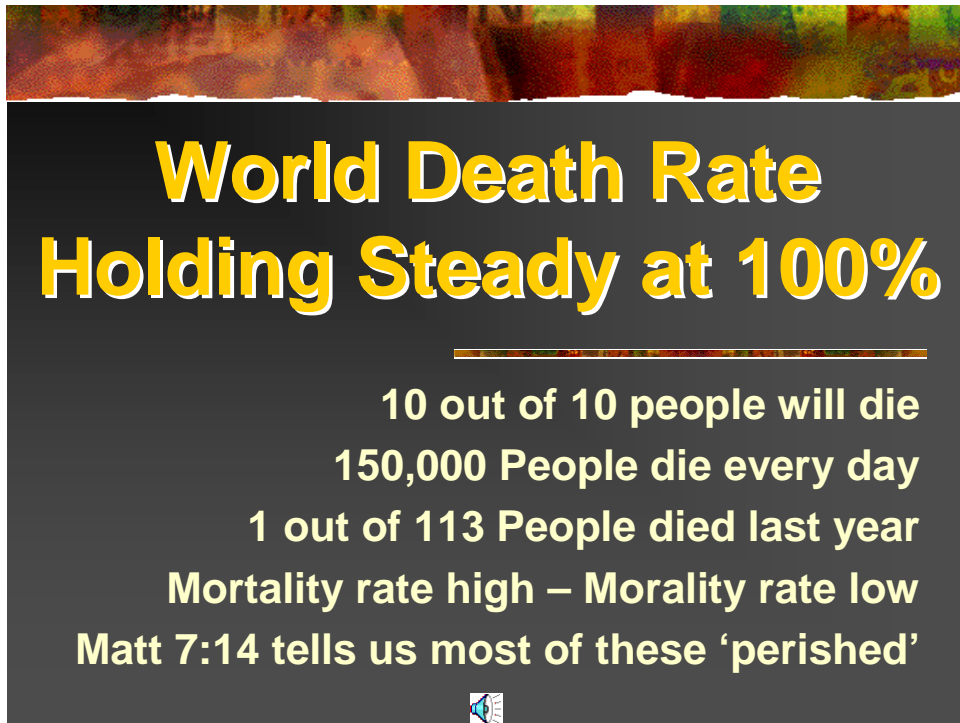
I witnessed to an atheist who rejected the logic of 'painting/painter, building/builder, and creation/creator - So I left him with this:

'Pascal's Wager'

***"If you're right and there is no God or Savior, what is the consequence to me when I die?
But if I'm right, what is the consequence to you?"***

The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." Psalm 53:1

“The only truly irreconcilable tragedy, is the death of one unsaved”



**World Death Rate
Holding Steady at 100%**

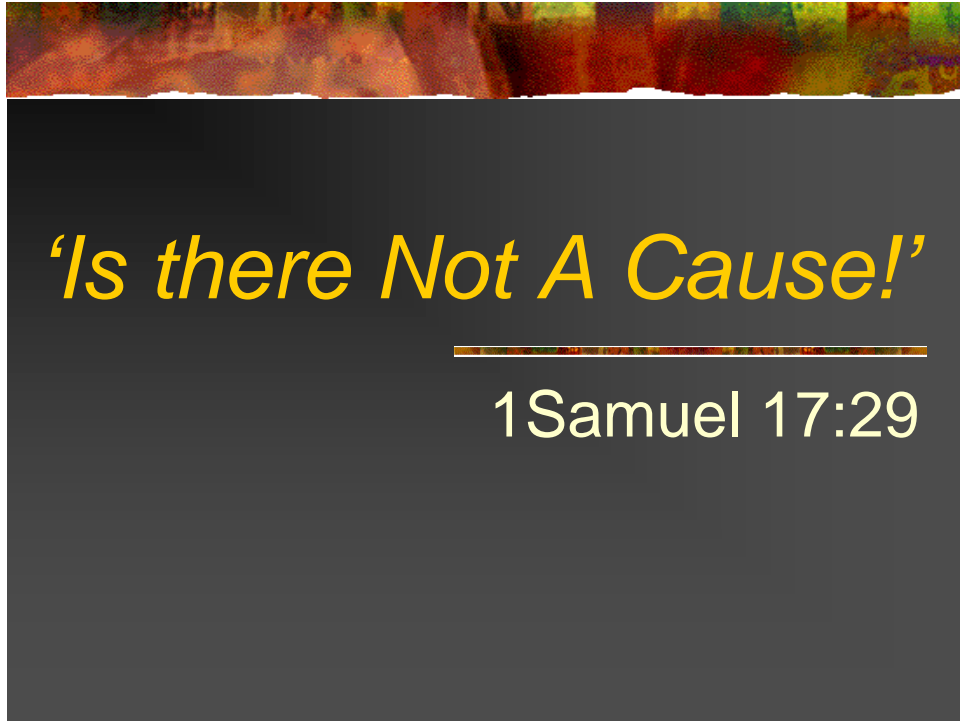
10 out of 10 people will die
150,000 People die every day
1 out of 113 People died last year
Mortality rate high – Morality rate low
Matt 7:14 tells us most of these ‘perished’

Church, we are part of the ultimate statistic - 10 out of 10 of us will die. Every beat of our hearts is another *'drum beat'* in our own funeral march. Those of us who are born-again in Christ know where we'll spend eternity, but what about our unsaved family and friends - Have we alerted them to their peril?

We can only realize a sense of urgency regarding their eternal state when we consider life from an *eternal perspective*. God's Word tells us that those who are *born-again in Christ* will spend eternity with God in Heaven, and the unsaved will spend their eternity in hell. And if we truly believe what the Bible tells us, we also know that no one is guaranteed another heart beat, let alone another day. When we are in Heaven we will surely *rejoice* in the times we shared Christ, and we will surely *lament* in those opportunities to *share Him* we wasted - Church, the danger is real, the hour is late, and the time is now!

***Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment...
Hebrews 9:27***

'Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved...' Paul in Romans 10:1



When the Philistine Armies were blaspheming and mocking the *God of Israel* at Sochoh, a young Shepard boy named David presented himself, ready for battle, to the *Army of Israel*. When David was ridiculed and taunted by his brothers as to his motives for wanting to fight the enemies of *God* he responded simply, passionately, and with righteous indignation, "*Is there not a cause!*"

All around us, in every aspect of our modern and enlightened society Satan continues to mock and blaspheme *God*. The fruits of Satan's blasphemy are those Friends, Loved Ones, Family Members, co-workers, and neighbors that have naively joined in Satan's chorus and are *blindly marching into Hell*.

Church is *'There Not a Cause'* to do what *God* has empowered us to do through His Holy Spirit, and try and save such as these? We know in our hearts that the *cause is right, the cause is urgent, and the cause is now!*

'In love a throne will be established; in faithfulness a man will sit on it— one from the house of David— one who in judging seeks justice and speeds the cause of righteousness.'
Isaiah 16:5

'Those on the rock are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away.'
Luke 8:13

The 'Modern' Gospel

- . Jesus Loves You...
- . If you say this prayer...
- . You have a God shaped hole...

Warning: The above approaches create stony ground hearers! Luke 8:13



Paul warned the Galatians in Gal 8:1, that others would preach a false Gospel. We see it today in the various watered down and distorted renditions of the 'modern gospel'. 'Come to Jesus and you'll have peace, joy, prosperity and a wonderful life.' The '*Prosperity*' and '*Seeker Friendly*' Gospels - These are the anthems that fill churches, empty wallets, and destroy souls.

Yes, Peace and Joy are the fruits of salvation, but they should never be used as '*draw cards*' to bring people to salvation. For if we preach only the *Good News*, and we leave out the '*bad news*', then when trials and tribulations come, and they surely will, the *good news* will not seem so good and the new believer will likely fall away in search of '*better news*'.

Sound Biblical conversion only takes place when a person realizes they have the terminal disease of sin, and the cure comes only in the form of repentance and Christ Jesus. They won't appreciate the cure unless they are convinced they have the disease. Our goal is not to make the lost feel *good* or *comfortable*, but to convince them in love of their peril, and to show them that rescue is found at the foot of *Calvary's Cross*. Church, this will not produce '*fear filled*' Christians, it will produce '*tear filled*' Christians with roots abounding in gratitude...

'Therefore I (Paul) testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God.' Acts 20:26-27

***“That man is no fool
who gives up what he cannot keep,
for that which he cannot lose...”
Jim Elliot***

Can I Get A Witness?

Witness: From the Greek word Martus...

From which we get our English word ‘Martyr’

***“I ask not for a long life,
but a full life like yours, Lord Jesus”
Jim Elliot (Martyred American Missionary)***

Our commitment to Christ has to be so complete and so unconditional that we would be willing to die for our Faith, just as the Apostles did and the tens of thousands of those who followed them. Unless Christ is our *‘Master Passion’* we cannot be an effective witness for Him. If *anything or anyone* in our life is more important to us than Jesus Christ, our witness will be shallow and to little avail. Most of us claim we would *Die* for Christ, but are we willing to *Live* for Him also? Our witness depends not just on zeal and knowledge, but on a deep rooted *passion* that can only come by the *Holy Spirit* through our total commitment to the Lord and His Saving Gospel...

***‘In God’s Army serving Him is not just a job,
It’s an Adventure...’***

***“For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”
Paul in Philippians 1:21***

*The Gospel of Christ
So simple a child can understand it...*



The Simplicity of Sharing Your Faith

Keep the Gospel Simple...

“For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel—not with words of human wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.” Paul 1Cor 1:17

*“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;
the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”
1Cor 1:19*

Church, I know at the beginning of my walk with Christ I hesitated to share the Gospel because I assumed it would take years of study and instruction before I could effectively present it. I was so surprised when after reading the Bible I realized that God's plan of salvation was not written for the 'head', but the 'heart'. My most frustrating witnessing encounters have come when I've over-complicated the Gospel message in order to appeal to the intellect. The Gospel stands on it's own - It needs no enhancement.

Good News? Church, John 3:16-17 is the core of the *Gospel message*, and however you 'package' it, it remains forever the *Power of God unto Salvation* ☺ But in order for the 'Good News' to seem good to the hearer, they must first realize they are in *danger*. Our witness must include: Salvation requires an *acknowledgment of sin*. That in *Godly sorrow* we must desire to turn from our sin (*repentance*) and turn to God - And finally, that *all our Faith* for the forgiveness of, and payment for, our sin must be placed in the risen Son of God, Jesus Christ, as our Lord and Savior. This 'Romans Road' model for leading a person to Christ can be found on *Page 21*.

‘... I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house, testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.’ The Gospel as preached by Paul (Acts 20:20)

***“A man with an Experience,
is never at the mercy of a man with an argument...”
Ray Comfort***

A built-in witness every Born-Again Christian knows by Heart

Our testimonies are a solid witness of Christ

‘We’ve found the Messiah!’ John 1:45-46

‘I was blind but now I see!’ John 9:25

‘He has risen!’ Luke 24:9

***“A man with an experience is never at the mercy
of a man with an argument”***


Ray Comfort

Saint's, one of the most powerful witnessing tools given by God to each of us who are Born-Again in Christ, is our own *Personal Testimony*. People who are slow to receive facts and figures, are quick to embrace a *good story*. Each of us has a '*Story*' to tell about how Christ reached into the filth and mire of our lives and snatched us from the flames of Hell. Never let *Satan* talk you into minimizing the importance of your testimony - There is always someone out there whose ears God has prepared, to hear from you exactly how, and under what circumstances, you were saved...and your testimony *will speak into their lives*.

Often times our testimonies are the initial '*substance*' and '*evidence*' of God's Word, to the lost and perishing who are looking for hope in a hopeless world. Always, always be prepared to give a *reason* for the Hope & Joy you have...To help you with this we will be providing *testimony cards* that you can fill in with the specifics of your testimony and verses in the Bible relevant to your own personal testimony. Try and memorize what you write on this card -You never know when God will call you to share it ☺

***‘And this is our testimony:
God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.’
1John 5:11***

***“ God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.”
James 4:6***



Law to the Proud Grace to the Humble

Biblical Case Studies

Mark 10:17-22 ‘Rich Young Ruler’

John 8:1-12 ‘Woman caught in adultery’

Acts 2:23-2:39 ‘Peter addresses the crowd’

The Bible tells us in Psalm 10: *‘In his pride the fool does not seek Him - In all his thoughts there is no room for God’*. Pride is a deadly sin and Hell is full of formerly ‘proud’ people. Yet pride and arrogance availed them little as they were drawing their final breaths. How do you humble a proud person? The Biblical model is to humble them with the *Law of God*. But how can you tell if a person you are witnessing to is ‘proud’, or ‘humble’?

***‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men—
robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector.’ Luke 18:11***

The Pharisee in the above verse was proud, seeing clearly sin in other people but not in himself. Until one sees that their ‘righteousness’ is like a filthy rag in God’s eyes and that they too are a sinner, they will not receive the Gospel of salvation with a *humble and contrite* heart - and this is the only way the Gospel can be received...

***But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven,
but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’ Luke 18:13***

The tax collector above realized and confessed his sin, and admitted his need for a Savior. One like this does not need to be humbled by the Law for he is already *contrite*. No, this one will receive the Good News of Christ’s Grace and Forgiveness, humbly, gladly, and with gratitude...

***Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.
Ephesians 6:11***



A presentation by the world renowned 'street' evangelist Ray Comfort and his sidekick, star of the 'Growing Pains' television series and 'Left Behind' movies, actor/evangelist Kirk Cameron. I have watched Ray Comfort in action on a College campus and I can tell you with certainty of experience, when it comes to sharing the Faith, *'He is the real deal'*.

Watch and listen closely because this video will open your eyes to witnessing concepts and methods that Satan would rather you didn't know. You will see *one-on-one* street witnessing that puts into practice the 'Law to the Proud - Grace to the Humble' Biblical model of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Many of us have never seen the Gospel preached outside of a church - Ray and Kirk show you how easy and natural it can be to share your Faith, *anytime, anywhere, and with anybody...*

Note:

You can view this video on the internet at the following link:

<http://www.wayofthemaster.com/learntoshare.shtml>

or if you'd like to purchase Ray's tracts and evangelistic materials go to:

<http://www.livingwaters.com/>

"I'm sure I'm going to Heaven, because... I'm a good person"

I'm A Good Person!!!

**Every way of a man is right in his own eyes,
But the LORD weighs the hearts.
Proverbs 21:2**

**There is a way that seems right to a man,
but in the end it leads to death.
Proverbs 14:12**

There is none righteous, no not one...Romans 3:10

**For all have sinned and fall short of the Glory of God...
Romans 3:23**

My Mom was the sweetest, gentlest, loving person I've ever known. To me she *deserved* to go to Heaven just for putting up with me. When I was saved at age 51 it was very, very difficult for me to approach her and try and convince her she was a sinner in need of a Savior. After all this woman gave birth to me, changed my diapers, wiped my nose, bandaged my boo-boos, and knew every flaw in my character. Yet I now knew that unless she repented and placed her faith in Jesus Christ, this woman that I loved with all my heart, would spend eternity in hell, despite all her wonderful and endearing qualities.

I had a younger brother who committed suicide 15 years before I was saved. Oh how I wish I'd been able to share the hope of Jesus Christ with him. Bringing my remaining Family to a saving knowledge of Christ Jesus became my '*master cause*' upon my salvation. Everyone in my family has now heard the message of salvation, multiple times and with varying results. I pray they will all be in heaven with me, but if they're not, my only consolation will be that I won't be tormented throughout eternity for not having shared the Gospel with them. Church, if you have the boldness, the love, and the compassion to tell your family members they are sinners in need of a Savior, then you can share the Gospel... with anyone!

***"Only in his hometown and in his own house is a prophet without honor."
Matthew 13:57***

*'The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul...'
Psalm 19:7*

The Role of the Law in Sharing Our Faith

*I would not have known sin
except through the law. Rom 7:7*

*Wherefore the law was
our schoolmaster to bring us
unto Christ, that we might be justified
by faith. Gal 3:24*

*...for by the law is the knowledge of sin.
Romans 3:20*

*"You cannot stand on the heights of Mount Zion
until you've knelt at the foot of Mount Sinai"*

If righteousness cannot come by the law, what good is it? There is much value in the law for it reveals *God's Holiness*, while revealing our *sinfulness*. The law has power to both humble and silence the sinner. All vestiges of the sinners 'righteousness' can be easily erased by proper application *in love*, of *God's law*.

Everyone has lied. Even if a person hasn't lied in a long time that doesn't matter for 'time' does not forgive sin. And the Bible tells us that all liars will have their part in the lake of fire (Rev 21:8). Most people have stolen something, most have lusted after someone, and most have hated someone. These sins are common to all and if left *unforgiven*, will cause a person to perish in hell. You see it's not sin that sends a person to hell, it's *unforgiven sin*. Using the 'Ten Commandments' in love, you can show anyone that they have sinned against a Holy God and are in danger of His judgment. Church, until they see the danger, they will see no need of rescue.

Note: When sharing with a homosexual, drug addict, alcoholic...etc, you need not focus on their lifestyle - They're ready for that - Focus on the *sin common* to all people.

***Do I take any pleasure in the death of the wicked? declares the Sovereign LORD.
Rather, am I not pleased when they turn from their ways and live?
Ezekiel 18:23***

The Role of Repentance in Sharing Our Faith

It is 100% necessary for Biblical Salvation

*For godly sorrow produces repentance that
leads to salvation...2Cor 7:10*

*I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they
must turn to God in **repentance** and have faith
in our Lord Jesus...Acts 20:21*

*...not wanting anyone to perish,
but everyone to come to **repentance**... 2Pet 3:9*

Church, I cannot stress enough the role of repentance in our witness. Sin separated us from God in the Garden, and it has continued to separate unbelievers from God ever since. Sin is the issue, the main issue. Initial repentance does not follow Salvation, it precedes it! Isaiah 59: 1-2 and Psalm 66:18 tell us that God does not even hear the prayers of the unrepentant. In fact the Bible seems clear that the only prayer of the willful sinner that God will listen to is a contrite prayer of repentance. To have an unrepentant sinner say 'the prayer' is a waste of words.

Unless there is a visible or verbal show of *sorrow and contrition* over their sin, withhold saying 'the prayer'. At a minimum I will always give a person I witness to a tract containing a 'sinners prayer' in the hope that the message of salvation, through repentance and faith in Jesus I've shared with them will take hold at a later date. *When* it does they will then have Biblically grounded text to guide them in their profession of Faith. If Jesus could say in Love, "But unless you repent, you too will all perish." (Luke 13:3), we must be able to also. Those that listen and turn from their sin will thank you... *throughout eternity*.

***"The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near.
Repent and believe the good news!"
Jesus in Mark 1:15***

'Prayer is how we talk to God – The Bible is how God talks to us...'

The Role of Prayer and Scripture In Sharing Our Faith

*Finally, brothers, pray for us
that the message of the Lord
may spread rapidly and be honored,
just as it was with you.*

2Thessalonians 3:1

Regarding Prayer: I'm convinced that one of the reasons I came to the Lord when I did, is that my brother John, whom I had not spoken with for 10 years and who was in prison, prayed for me. I only found this out after I had come to the Lord and sought to re-establish my relationship with him - for the purpose of sharing the Gospel.

As I was sharing the *Joy of my new life* with him for the first time, he stopped me and said, "*Joe, I was Born-Again and water baptized (in prison) 2 weeks before you came to the Lord! The first thing I prayed for is that my brother Joe would be saved..*"

Church, never underestimate the miracle working power of prayer. Make it a habit to pray for 'open doors of evangelism' first thing in the morning and whenever you leave the house. Countless times I have prayed silently for an *open door* in the midst of a conversation with an unbeliever, and the Lord responded immediately.

Pray unceasingly for unsaved friends and family members. Pray for them by name and passionately...**never give up!** Perhaps it won't be you who witnesses to them directly - Perhaps, as in the case of my brother's prayers for me, the Lord will send someone else. Or maybe the Lord will come to the person you are praying for in a dream or revelation, but however the Lord responds you can trust that it His Will *that none would perish...*

"My prayer is not for them (His disciples) alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message..." Jesus in John 17:20

***Be diligent to present yourself approved to God,
a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
2Timothy 2:15***

Regarding Scripture: Someone once said, "We don't truly find ourselves, until we lose ourselves in Christ." Church, Jesus was a '*stranger*' to us until we came to know Him through His Word. Many people you will talk with have '*created*' a Jesus in their heart to suit their own sin - A Jesus who loves them, a Jesus who *winks* at their iniquity and would never send them to hell, but this Jesus cannot save them for he exists only in their imagination. Our focus in sharing our Faith is to present the Jesus Christ of the Bible, clearly and boldly. We can only do this if we Truly know Him through having *immersed ourselves* in His Word.

It is neither our eloquence or intellect that makes our witness Powerful - it is the Word of God operating through the *Holy Spirit* in us. Consider what Paul said in 1Thes 1:5, "*Our Gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with Power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction.*" Using Scripture in your witness to validate both the *promises* of God and His *warnings*, super-charges your testimony and ensures the Gospel you are preaching is God, not man centered.

Keep a small pocket Bible with you. When you witness take the person into relevant passages so they can see that you are sharing the Truth of God's Word with them. *Highlight passages that speak to your particular testimony and walk in Christ.* If a person asks a question that you don't know the answer to, be honest and admit that you don't know - But tell the person you will find out and get back to them. When sharing with a Mormon refer to Jesus as '*The Jesus of the Bible*' and to God as '*The God of the Bible*'. If they ask why you do this, explain to them the differences between their god and jesus, and the God & Jesus of the Bible...

We must always remember that in the '*natural*' we would have no desire at all to share Christ or the Gospel. The fact that we do have a heart for the lost and a hunger to share our Savior is evidence that God is operating through the Holy Spirit in us. Knowing this and trusting in God should help to give us *confidence & boldness* in our witness.

The Bible tells us that '*The flesh wars against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh*'. It is natural to feel fear when approaching someone to witness to them. There has never been a time when I didn't feel the grip of fear upon me when sharing my Faith - But I felt the Grip of God on me even stronger. When it comes to Christ and the Gospel, Satan wants you to keep your mouth shut and you will always sense his presence in the background of your witness. But take heart, for it is written '*Greater is He who is in you, than he who is in the world...*' 1Jn 4:4

***In our witness it is not the quality of the sower that converts the unsaved
It is the quality of the seed.....***

***'Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—
with great patience and careful instruction.'* 2Timothy 4:2**



Sit back and enjoy this Bible based presentation on how to share your Faith boldly and effectively. If you'd like to watch this presentation again you can access it free online at <http://www.bryanturner.org/evangelism101/index.htm> . The title of this specific video is 'Practice what you Preach'. You will also find many other helpful free evangelistic training videos at this site. This video contains a number of real-life evangelistic encounters...

In Our Bookstore Soon...

'How to Witness to Anyone'

and

'How to Bring Them to Christ'

Guides to evangelism by R A Torrey and both recommended by Pastor Rick

The Romans Road to Salvation

The ROMANS ROAD....is a pathway you can walk.

It is a group of Bible verses from the book of Romans in the New Testament. If you walk down this road you will end up understanding how to be saved and how to save others...

Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

We all have sin in our hearts. We all were born with sin.

We were born under the power of sin's control.

- Admit that you are a sinner.

Romans 6:23a "...The wages of sin is death..."

Sin has an ending. It results in death. We all face physical death, which is a result of sin. But a worse death is spiritual death that alienates us from God, and will last for all eternity. The Bible teaches that there is a place called the Lake of Fire where lost people will be in torment forever. It is the place where people who are spiritually dead will remain.

- Understand that you deserve death for your sin.

Romans 6:23b "...But the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Salvation is a free gift from God to you! You can't earn this gift, but you must reach out and receive it.

- Ask God to forgive you and save you.

Romans 5:8, "God demonstrates His own love for us, in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us!"

When Jesus died on the cross He paid sin's penalty. He paid the price for all sin, and when He took all the sins of the world on Himself on the cross, He bought us out of slavery to sin and death! The only condition is that we believe in Him and what He has done for us, understanding that we are now joined with Him, and that He is our life. He did all this because He loved us and gave Himself for us!

- Give your life to God... His love poured out in Jesus on the cross is your only hope to have forgiveness and change. His love bought you out of being a slave to sin. His love is what saves you -- not religion, or church membership. God loves you!

Romans 10:13 "Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved!"

- Call out to God in the name of Jesus!

Romans 10:9,10 *"...If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, you shall be saved; for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation."*

- If you know that God is knocking on your heart's door, ask Him to come into your heart.

Jesus said,

Revelation 3:20a *"Behold I stand at the door and knock, if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him..."*

- Is Jesus knocking on your heart's door?

'Door to Door' Evangelism

One of the toughest jobs I ever had was selling magazines door to door. I had no passion for the product and no desire whatsoever to meet strangers. Needless to say I didn't do well in that job!

Unlike my magazine experience, when I go out door to door to invite my 'neighbors' (those I know and those I don't), to the Easter Service I will have both a passion for my 'product' and a real heartfelt desire to share 'it' with everyone. This should produce a better outcome...

In every encounter, door to door or otherwise, we must always keep in mind 1 Corinthians 13:1 – *'If I speak in the tongues of men and angels yet I have not love, I am merely a resounding gong or clanging symbol'* – In other words 'Noise' ☹

Before each house we go to we should pray that not only will the door to their home be open, but also the door to their heart. And just as we do not work off a 'script' when we meet a friend in the market or a stranger on the plane, neither should our presentation be cold and rehearsed. But instead it should contain elements unique to each new door we knock on.

In every encounter we should ensure that what the person remembers is that they met someone who is loving, genuine, and sincere...someone like *Jesus* ☺

Look for things that would connect you to the homeowner. If a person has a lovely home, or a great yard, or whatever - We could open with something like, *'Good morning. My name is Joe and this is my wife Caroline. Wow, you really have some beautiful landscaping!'*

You could continue with something like, *"My wife and I live here in the community and we were wondering if you've received one of these invitations yet?"* (Hold it out to them, they will probably take it from you) As they take it tell them it's an invitation to come to Tuacahn Amphitheater on Easter Sunday to celebrate our Risen Savior.

Now at this point you may get a curt *"I'm not interested"* and if you do, politely and sincerely thank them for their time and go on to the next house. Remember, they are not rejecting you, they are rejecting the One who sent you.

Or they may ask you what church you represent. Now although we are focusing on the Service and not CC in our advertising, it is absolutely okay to answer this question honestly. Tell them that CCSG is hosting the service. If I'm asked what kind of church CCSG is I'll simply respond, *"It's a Bible believing, Bible teaching non-denominational church where anyone seeking salvation through the Jesus Christ of the Bible, and the Truth of God's Word, is welcome"*. You should say whatever seems right to you.

If a person seems interested at all in talking with you don't rush the conversation – but listen to them, for God is probably opening a door. At this point let the Spirit lead you. As in

the Biblical model we should go out 2 by 2 for safety and for witness.. We should never go into a strangers house alone. And I strongly suggest you have your Bible with you.

Note: Before leaving the door or house, if it is at all possible ask the person if there is anything at all that you can pray over for them. Many people will assume you're going to pray in private over these matters and give you some kind of prayer request. But pray over their requests 'then and there'. In your prayer try to embed the Gospel so that they will hear God's saving message from your lips.

For some it will be the first time they've ever heard the Biblical Gospel and the first time anyone has ever prayed over them. But one thing you can know for sure, it will truly be a moving & memorable experience for them ☺

Your prayer could start off something like, *"Lord I thank you for bringing me to this house to meet '?????'. And I thank You for sending your only Son, Christ Jesus to take upon Himself the punishment we deserved. I thank you Father God for the glorious resurrection of Your precious Son so that we who repent of our sins and believe in Him would be forgiven and have eternal life. I now lift up '?????'...."*

Or you could start off your prayer by quoting John 3:16-17, *"Lord your Word says...."* You get the point. Whatever the content of your prayer be assured that God will be Glorified, and if your hearer is truly seeking Jesus, they will be Blessed.

A Special Note:

Because of where we live it is likely that some who open their door to us will want to share 'their religion' with you. We may even be invited to come into the house. Okay, so what should we do? First and foremost be polite. If you are comfortable going into the house then do so...it may be a door the Lord has opened.

If it is clear they've invited you in just to share 'their religion' with you, and you feel equipped and led by the Spirit to challenge what they are saying, then by all means do so. If you are not comfortable to do this then politely excuse yourself and leave.

Do not accept the BOM from them. Salvation in Mormonism is works based and to accept any LDS literature from them is to validate that they have performed a 'work' with you. Rather than accept anything from them, just hold up your Bible and lovingly tell them something like this, "This is the only testimony of Jesus Christ I need. I came to a saving knowledge of the Lord through this Book and the Holy Spirit in me testifies that the Bible is the complete revelation of God and Christ Jesus. That same Spirit also testifies along with God's Word, that because I have repented and placed my Faith in the Christ of the Bible I will spend eternity with my Savior."

If you haven't already I suggest that you print out Pastor Rick's notes from the 'Building Bridges' series. They contain a wealth of Mormon apologetic material. You can find them on the CCSG website at <http://ccsgutah.com/WedNightStudy.htm>

Finally, the key to successful evangelism whether it is Door-to-Door or otherwise, is to be 'prayed up'. Love on them and leave them blessed. Doing this will make it that much easier on the next evangelist the Lord puts in their path ☺

Grace Like Rain

By Todd Agnew

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see so clearly

Hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me
Hallelujah, all my stains are washed away, washed away
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing Your praise
Than when we first begun

Chorus