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ERROR IS NEVER CONSISTENT:

Sometimes conversations happen. Immediately after I finished the message, as I was offering the free Gospel tract a young man walked past my right arm.

Apparently, he was positioning himself to see the sunset. I offered him a tract and he took it, not knowing what it was. He glanced at the easel and knew it had something to do with God.

He told me he was not religious. I told him neither was I and added that my concern was with truth. The world of religion was highly confusing whereas truth was singular, specific, exact, precise, and absolute.

This young man was very animated. He was courteous but clearly excited by the subject matter. While he claimed he was not religious his default mode was his Roman Catholic upbringing. He was typical of so many who have not thought through their worldview.

I am there to challenge people to examine their perspective on life and hopefully show them that apart from a high view of the Bible and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ they are doomed to muddled confusion. Error is never consistent. My friend had a nebulous view of God and was unsure if there was life after death. I explained that without the biblical Jesus Christ as Savior from sin, he was hell bound. He queried, "God is a forgiving God, isn't He?"

"Yes," I said, "He is, but His forgiveness can only be secured on His terms, not our terms." Ephesians 1:7. "We have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins."



MALLORY MOMENTS



One of his lady friends told him that he needed to be humble and to listen to me. She told him that he was too proud. After our conversation, I asked if we could pray for him. He agreed. So we huddled together and prayed.

He left with tracts, an Ultimate Questions booklet, and an encouragement to read his Bible.

Lesson: An evangelist must not only love the Gospel but also people. God is sovereign but as far as we can ascertain every person we speak to is a potential brother or sister in Christ. Each person deserves respect, as a creature created in His image and likeness. We must be ready and seek to be as winsome and as persuasive as humanly possible in our appeal to whomever we address. (Acts 17:2-4, 17; 18:4; 19:8) But the ultimate results are God's. (1 Corinthians 3:5-8; Ephesians 2:1-6) We plant and water and we pray! He will be glorified!



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Stepping Through Open Doors

By Bill Welzien

I received a call from my old friend Luke Curtas. He asked if I would be interested in ministering at a Fall Festival in Fredericksburg, Virginia that was held on October 28th. As Denise and I are always looking for open doors we accepted.

The small airport that Luke owns holds a candy drop. The 9th Annual Candy Drop is the main draw for families with children as planes drop candy onto a field and the children run to fill their bags with the sweets. In between the two afternoon drops the attendees browse the tables of vendors and attractions. We were asked to reach out to attendees. Denise and I set up a table with KEM literature and



Table Top Evangelism templates. I set up my easel and painted up a facsimile of the template. Our heart's desire was to explain the Gospel truth to the inquirers. We had no idea what to expect.

But we reminded ourselves that 90% of ministry was showing up. And we were there.

To our delight, the Lord provided us with several people who took the time to listen. James and his eleven-year-old grandson, A.J. expressed an interest. As I got into the presentation and asked questions of A.J. I was surprised at how clueless he was of biblical truth. Most notably he had never heard of the 10 Commandments.



Interestingly, A.J. appeared to be far more interested in what he was hearing than his grandpa. Were these the most important minutes in this young man's life? I gave the completed template to the boy and gave them both tracts.

Cliff stopped at the table and expressed curiosity. As I began filling in the boxes with my Sharpie fine point and explaining the truths, another man named Jim stopped by and I included him in my explanation. Moments later Jim's granddaughter came over. She was Casey. Now I had a group of three watching and listening. Each of them was a professing believer. The great thing about Table Top is that it is useful for believers and unbelievers. It aids believers in giving an orderly concise Gospel presentation and unbelievers to understand the most important message in the world.

A friend of nearly 50 years drove over from Virginia Beach. While at dinner I showed Steve Wilbraham Table Top. He was intrigued and taped the presentation.

A Hearty Thank You!

On behalf of the KEM Board, Denise and I want to thank all of you who pray for us and our work of evangelism. Thank you for your financial gifts which support our efforts here in Key West and wherever the Lord grants opportunity. We seek to be very good stewards of your sacrificial giving! Our prayer is that you enjoy a Blessed Christmas and a most Christ-centered 2024. May we live every day to God's glory and praise!!

MORE MALLORY MOMENTS

An Encouraging Family

When I begin messages what I see before me virtually has nothing to do with who will be before me at the conclusion. I mean my crowds tend to be nomadic. Coming and going. On this evening this family was with me from start to close. They came up for tracts and were eager to speak with Denise and me. They were a good-looking group both physically and spiritually.

They were Jason and Jennifer along with their children, Jack and his 3 sisters, Josie, Esther, Sarah, and Jennifer's Dad, Carl. The family loved the Lord and were greatly encouraging and appreciative of our ministry. As we spoke, we learned that they were from the Charlotte, North Carolina area. Jason started a pro-life clinic several years ago. This ministry continues encouraging pregnant women to keep their babies and provides needed support for these women. That work now has committed workers and a solid board freeing him to serve the Lord in other areas. Before they left, we gathered for prayer.



Lesson:

The Lord always know what we need. We leave home and are ready to serve the Lord in any way He leads. We pray to be effective salt and light to the lost. We pray to be a blessing to our fellow believers. Still the Lord knows Denise and I need encouragement as well. It's wonderful that He sends His people to do just that! This was one more concrete example of divine encouragement. It is amazing to watch our sovereign God as He works through His people.

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KEM Annual Meeting
The board of directors of Keys Evangelistic Ministries will convene for their annual meeting on January 10, 2024, at Keys Presbyterian Church in Key West, FL. Currently, 6 men serve on the board. At the annual meeting, the board will assemble a budget for 2024, as well as plan out the calendar of events for the year. In addition to the meeting, there will be a fellowship meal with the church members and a night of ministry at Mallory Square. KEM would appreciate your prayers as the board spends this time together.

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